

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Care

Topic: Medicare Local Review

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Moore Claire

Question:

- a) What was Ernst and Young contracted for in relation to the Medicare Locals Review?
- b) How much was the Ernst and Young contract for in relation to the Medicare Locals Review?
- c) Has the Ernst and Young review work been completed?
- d) Will the Ernst and Young work or report of that work be made public?

Answer:

- a) Ernst and Young (EY) was contracted to conduct a review of the functioning of Medicare Locals to ensure their effectiveness and efficiency. This built on the Medicare Locals Evaluation which concluded in December 2013.
- b) The contract value for EY totals \$1,408,000 (GST inclusive) and includes both the Medicare Locals Evaluation and the review of Medicare Locals.
- c) Yes.
- d) This is a decision for the Government.