

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME 13: Acute Care**

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**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

Regarding Medicare Local reporting, the Framework contains 31 indicators for the Healthy Communities Reports. Some targets of relevance for Medicare Locals are already prescribed in the National Healthcare Agreement and are reflected in the initial Medicare Local Performance indicator set.

- a) How many indicators are in this initial set?
- b) How, or where, are they currently reported?
- c) When will the Healthy Communities Reports be published on a website similar to the My Hospital Website?

**Answer:**

- a) In the Performance and Accountability Framework, 24 of the 31 indicators for Medicare Locals were also prescribed in the National Healthcare Agreement 2011.
- b) The Council of Australian Governments Reform Council assesses and publicly reports on the performance of governments against the National Healthcare Agreement (NHA) performance indicators. Those indicators are reported at the level of state and territories and are available in annual reports. These reports can be accessed via the following website: [www.coagreformcouncil.gov.au](http://www.coagreformcouncil.gov.au).

The National Health Performance Authority (the Authority) will monitor, and prepare reports on, matters relating to performance of Medicare Locals against the National Health Reform Agreement using 31 indicators as described in the Performance and Accountability Framework. This performance information will be nationally consistent and locally relevant.

- c) The Authority will release its first Healthy Communities Report in early 2013, which will be made available on our website.