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Question:

The deputy chair of the Loddon-Mallee-Murray Medicare Local board is actually a staff member of the local ALP member for Bendigo, Mr Steve Gibbons – who ran the independent process for his selection?

Answer:

Medicare Locals are independent companies limited by guarantee. While the Department assesses the composition of Medicare Local Boards to ensure that they meet funding requirements, it does not have a role in the selection or appointment of individual Medicare Local Board members.