

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health

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Senator: Smith

Question:

Is there any literature that draws a direct link between the independence of an agency and better health outcomes?

Answer:

The Department of Health is not aware of any literature that draws this link.

There is some research that examines the links between independent leadership and governance models within the health sector and general health sector performance, particularly in relation to performance monitoring and accountability¹. This research does not consider the impact on health outcomes.

¹ Smith, Anell, Busse et al. Health Policy, 106 (2012) 37-49