

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 30 May 2014**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Frontline service

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

How does the department define a frontline service? Is this a consistent standard across the Health department? Is this definition consistent with that of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet?

**Answer:**

In the context of health, the term 'frontline services' generally refers to services provided directly to individuals, groups and communities to improve health outcomes. It is not a formally defined term.

The use of the term by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is a matter for that department.