

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Medical Advisory Committee

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Is there a proposal to attach an Indigenous health representative to a medical advisory committee? Is this how the Minister will receive advice on Indigenous health?

Answer:

The Minister for Health's, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, Ministerial Advisory Council will include an Indigenous health expert Dr Noel Hayman and will be one mechanism for seeking advice on Indigenous health matters.

In addition, the Assistant Minister for Health, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, will seek advice from the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council, from the Ministerial Advisory Council, from relevant organisations such as the National (Aboriginal) Health Leadership forum, and individual experts on an as-needs basis.