

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-119

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: MEDICARE LOCALS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

Does the staffing of Medicare Locals reflect a genuine commitment to the tenets of preventative health?

Answer:

Medicare Local applications are assessed on their capacity to address strategic objectives, one of which is to demonstrate their capacity to improve the focus on prevention and early intervention in primary health care (Objective 4,i).

Staffing requirements are the responsibility of individual Medicare Local organisations.