

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-174

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: MEDICARE LOCALS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Further to questions about the contracts with Medicare Locals, please outline when each contract was signed with each of the first 15. Please provide a copy of each. Refer Page 19 Hansard 30 May.

Answer:

The first 15 Medicare Locals were announced by Minister Roxon on 6 June 2011 and a further four Medicare Locals (in Victoria) were announced on 17 June 2011. Funding arrangements were put in place with all Tranche 1 Medicare Locals prior to 1 July 2011. The Department is not in a position to provide copies of funding agreements with third parties.