

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-252

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: MEDICARE LOCALS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In relation to the Medicare Locals Network consultancy contract for \$214,000;

- a) What services and advice do you need from Pricewaterhouse to tell you how to manage the Medicare Local network;
- b) Precisely what is it that this contract does;
- c) What the consultancy did and delivered; and
- d) When the decision was made by government to undertake this consultancy?

Answer:

- a) A decision of Government was taken that an independent assessment of the performance and accountability levers available to the Commonwealth with respect to Medicare Locals should be undertaken.
- b) The Department of Health and Ageing contracted PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to assess the performance and accountability levers available to the Commonwealth for Medicare Locals.
- c) PwC assessed the performance and accountability levers available to the Commonwealth for Medicare Locals, and delivered a report detailing its findings.
- d) July 2011.