

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-254

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: MEDICARE LOCALS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In relation to each of the 19 established and 18 in the pipeline Medicare Locals, can you explain when the Department signed off on their so-called viability pursuant to this contract?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing contracted McGrathNicol Partnership (under two separate contracts) to provide expert advice on financial viability to assist with assessment of applications for each tranche of Medicare Locals.

All financial viability reports for Tranche One Medicare Locals applications were received from McGrathNicol by 13 May 2011.

All financial viability reports for Tranche Two and Three Medicare Locals applications were received from McGrathNicol by 16 August 2011.