

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-258

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

What advice the Commission has provided to Medicare Locals on safety and quality in primary care, when did this occur, what issues were covered, how does the information sharing occur, and what formal involvement will the Commission have with Medicare Locals?

Answer:

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) has published a range of resources to assist Medicare Locals implement safety and quality improvements, including the Infection Control Guidelines developed in 2010 and education modules for infection control and prevention developed in 2011.

Individual Medicare Locals have received such material and have responded to Commission consultation processes.