

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

What process is in place to ensure there is no disruption of services provided by Medicare Locals beyond 30 June?

Answer:

To assist with the transition of services from Medicare Locals to Primary Health Networks (PHNs), Medicare Locals have been asked to submit a Transition Plan to the Department. The Transition Plan includes operational information on all Commonwealth funded activities being undertaken by Medicare Locals.

It is expected that the relevant Medicare Locals and PHNs will use the Transition Plan and Invitation to Apply (ITA) documentation as a basis for transition discussions.