

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016, 10 February 2016**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** PHNs

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**Senator:** Siewert, Rachel

**Question:**

Was consideration given at the time instead of directly transferring those to the PHNs to actually then transfer them to the AMSs?

**Answer:**

The decision to transition Indigenous Australians' Health Programme – Primary Health Care and New Directions activities from Medicare Locals to Primary Health Networks allowed for continuity of service while alternative arrangements for delivery could be considered. In most cases, activities had been delivered by Medicare Locals as a result of the absence at the time of an available Aboriginal community controlled health organisation (ACCHO), a culturally appropriate alternative provider, or through successful tender applications.