

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 4 - Acute Care

Topic: Frankston Hospital

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Gallagher, Katy

Question:

What steps have the Minister/Department taken in response to the allergy-related death of 13-year-old Louis Tate in Frankston Hospital in October 2015?

Answer:

While the Commonwealth provides funding to states and territories for public hospitals, the responsibility for the management of the public hospital system, including emergency response procedures, rests with states and territories.

The Department of Health has been engaging with Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia and the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy to discuss the need for education programmes in facilities such as hospitals and schools. The Government is actively considering the advice provided by these national peak organisations.