

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Clinical Advisory Groups

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Senator: Ludlam, Scott

Question:

Senator LUDLAM: Yes, if you could. What would a clinical advisory group do in the context of what I think Senator Madigan was advised on Lyme disease? What do such entities do?

Answer:

A clinical advisory committee is a time-limited group of mostly clinical experts in a particular field which is formed to provide advice to the Chief Medical Officer. While the advice provided by a clinical advisory committee may contribute to decisions and policy development within the department, these committees do not make decisions, nor do they develop government policy. The two most recent clinical advisory committees were on Lyme disease and on PIP breast implants.