

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-426

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: LOCAL HOSPITAL NETWORKS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

- a) When are Local Hospital Networks to become operational in the ACT?
- b) Where and how many will be established throughout Australia by 1 July 2011?

Answer:

- a) On the 29 March 2011, the ACT Legislative Assembly passed the *Health Amendment Bill 2011*, establishing the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Local Hospital Network (LHN). Ms Katy Gallagher MLA, the ACT Chief Minister and Minister for Health, announced the members of the LHN governing council on 27 July 2011.
- b) The first group of LHNs were to be established on 1 July 2011 as the first milestone, with the remaining LHNs to be established by 1 July 2012. A total of 110 LHNs are already established in the ACT, Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia.