

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Senator Di Natale

Question:

- a) Which area of the Department has responsibility for implementation of the National Rural Health Strategic Framework (adopted by all jurisdictions recently)?
- b) Will there be a roadmap or action plan developed to be complementary to the Framework?
- c) What forward expenditures are directly associated with the agreed Framework?

Answer:

- a) Rural and Regional Health Australia in the Primary and Ambulatory Care Division coordinates implementation of the *National Strategic Framework for Rural and Remote Health* in collaboration with other areas of the Department of Health and Ageing as appropriate.
- b) The Department, in its capacity as a member of the Rural Health Standing Committee, is currently considering options for the next steps to support uptake of the Framework.
- c) None.