

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2013-14, 5/6 & 7 June 2013

Question: E13-251

OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Care

Topic: Medicare Locals Funding

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

How will the Northern Sydney Medicare Local reimburse aged-care specialists for their time when they attend quarterly membership meetings?

Answer:

The Northern Sydney Medicare Local has advised the Department of Health and Ageing that the first Aged Care Taskforce meeting was held on 28 May 2013. There were 28 participants in this meeting, representing a wide cross section of health professionals (including a consumer). Minimal reimbursements were paid to only six members (private practitioners) for participation from the Medicare Local's funding provided under the Regionally Tailored Primary Health Care Initiatives through Medicare Locals Fund.