

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Medicare Locals

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Wright, Penny

Question:

How will mental health concerns and community-based organisations be represented in Primary Health Organisations (PHO)?
Will they be eligible to join PHO Clinical Councils and PHO Community Advisory Councils?

Answer:

Clinical Councils and Community Advisory Committees will be established in Primary Health Networks (PHN) to advise on the regional needs from both a clinical and community perspective. Requirements for PHN Boards and advisory structures are being considered.