

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

Noting that Medicare Locals had some responsibility for preventive health measures and mobilising local community action on health issues, what responsibility will the new Local Health Networks have in these areas?

Answer:

It is anticipated that Primary Health Network boundaries will align with Local Hospital Network boundaries.

Clinical Councils and Community Advisory Committees will be established in each Primary Health Network to advise of the regional needs from both a clinical and community perspective.

It is expected that Clinical Councils and Community Advisory Committees will work together to address the needs of the local population, which could include preventative health measures.

Local Hospital Networks are state and territory managed and controlled entities primarily responsible for acute care services.