

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 8 - Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: Code of Conduct for Health Workers

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Please provide an update of the development of the National Code of Conduct for Health Workers, what is the departments role in the development of the Code?

Answer:

The Victorian Department of Health is leading work on this project for Health Ministers and the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC). A draft National Code has been developed for consultation, and consultations were held in all states and territories between 26 March and 14 April 2014. AHMAC also received written submissions about the draft National Code. Copies of submissions, and other information about the project, are available from the AHMAC website: www.ahmac.gov.au

The Department of Health's role is to support the Commonwealth Minister for Health, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, in his participation in the COAG Health Council, including in relation to this project.