

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** After Hours

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**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Was it envisaged that there would be a formal review of the effectiveness of the GP helpline?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health requires Healthdirect Australia to undertake internal reviews and audits to ensure ongoing quality control.

A review of current after hours arrangements (the After Hours Review) will be conducted in 2014-15 consistent with recommendations of the Review of Medicare Locals.