

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Are Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations explicitly recognised as critical partners for the new Primary Health Networks to engage with?

Answer:

Yes, on p.7 of the *Primary Health Network Grant Programme Guidelines* it is stated that Primary Health Networks (PHNs) will have broad engagement with a range of stakeholders, including Aboriginal Medical Services. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health is one of the six key priorities for the new PHNs, as determined by the Government.