

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Transition to Primary Health Networks

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Wright, Penny

Question:

What provisions exist to provide contracts to subcontracted private clinicians in situations where a Medicare Local is in the process of becoming a Primary Health Network, but there is technically no entity to issue the contract?

a. Is the department aware of any situations of this nature? If so, where?

Answer:

Corporate structures have been established for all 31 Primary Health Networks (PHNs). This was a requirement for the department to enter into funding agreements with the preferred PHN operators.

The Department of Health currently has funding agreements in place with all 31 PHNs. As such, the Department is not aware of any situations of this nature.