

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Primary Health Networks

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

What funding methodology will the Department use to ensure that funds allocated to the PHNs reflect the growing population, and health needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

Answer:

As outlined in the *Primary Health Networks Grant Programme Guidelines*, funding has been allocated across Primary Health Networks (PHNs) with the total amount of grant funding for each PHN based on a number of factors, including rurality, socioeconomic and population factors (including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population).