

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

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Question:

How did the Australian Government arrive at selecting just one PHN for the whole of WA when the option was available to have one in metro and one in country WA?

Answer:

The Primary Health Network (PHN) Invitation to Apply allowed applicants to apply to operate more than one PHN.

The WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) was selected as the preferred applicant for the three Western Australian Primary Health Networks (PHNs) – Perth North, Perth South and Country WA on the basis of merit and providing best value for money.