

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Primary Health

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Duniam, Jonathon

**Question:**

What directives have been given to PHNs to how they communicate with the public and engage stakeholders?

**Answer:**

Primary Health Networks (PHNs) are required to establish Clinical Councils and Community Advisory Committees, which are formal mechanisms for a broad range of stakeholders to engage with and influence PHN decision making. In addition to these formal mechanisms, individual PHNs have established a range of other communication mechanisms to engage with stakeholders, as appropriate.