

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

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Senator: Duniam, Jonathon

Question:

Are external communications or public relations consultants engaged by PHNs? If so, how much has been spent, by individual PHN, for 2016-17?

Answer:

Primary Health Networks (PHNs) are independent corporate entities under the *Corporations Act 2001*, and as such, decisions regarding the engagement of external communications or public relations consultants are a business decision for individual PHNs.