

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: MSAC

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

Is it standard practice to ensure the panel reviewing a particular application will have at least one expert in the field relevant to the application being assessed (in this case a specialist pathologist)?

Answer:

The Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) is comprised of members from a wide range of clinical disciplines and health fields, including medical, scientific and health economic disciplines. MSAC currently has twenty-one (21) members, with three pathologists sitting, including one member who is both a clinical geneticist and genetic pathologist.