

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 & 30 May 2017**

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

**Topic:** Indigenous Liaison in Hospitals

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

**Senator:** Griff, Stirling

**Question:**

What measures does the Department have in place in hospitals that care for a significant Indigenous population to facilitate improved engagement with Indigenous patients and their families and to support doctors?

**Answer:**

While the Commonwealth provides funding to states and territories for public hospitals, the responsibility for the management of the public hospital system, including policy related to Indigenous patients, rests with states and territories.