

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:

Are all hospitals required to provide access to interpreters for indigenous patients who do not speak English?

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 interpreters, rests with states and territories.