

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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

**Topic:** Health Care Homes

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

**Senator:** Griff, Stirling

**Question:**

- a) What prior experience has HPA in developing indicators for evaluation of primary health care?
- b) Are any of the team employed by HPA former Department of Health staff?

**Answer:**

- a) Health Policy Analysis (HPA) has undertaken many national, large scale evaluation projects. The team includes members with expertise in the development of evaluation frameworks used in health care, health data sets, development of tools for data collection, and development of measures for evaluation purposes.

HPA's website provides descriptions of previous projects. Some examples of projects undertaken by HPA relating to indicator development include:

- Provision of advice to the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Health Care on practice level indicators of safety and quality for primary care;
- Provision of advice on the development of a set of core, hospital based outcome indicators, including developing specifications and technical notes; and
- Provision of advice and recommendations on the development and implementation of a comprehensive performance framework for the Australian Health Care Agreements.

In addition, the HPA consortium includes a number of subject matter experts who will provide advice throughout the evaluation.

- b) No.