

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-239

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: HEALTH REFORM

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In relation to the leaked email referred to in the AFR on 11 August, it also apparently says that Victoria considers there is an “absence of details in Commonwealth material about the reforms.”

- a) Does this mean that the Commonwealth does not know and cannot explain of their so-called reforms?
- b) In relation to the leaked email, there is criticism of the Rudd-Gillard plan for Medicare Locals and I quote – “it was hard to tell what the commonwealth is trying to do” – is this not another indication that the Commonwealth has no idea what it is doing?
- c) Does the email also question how Medicare Locals are to be established – are they private companies or statutory authorities?

Answer:

- a) No.
- b) No.
- c) No.