

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: LOCAL HOSPITAL NETWORKS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) For each jurisdiction, what progress has been made by state governments in defining the boundaries and composition of local hospital networks?
- b) To date, what involvement has the Department had in providing input to or reviewing the state governments' proposals for the geographic boundaries and governance arrangements of local hospital networks?
- c) In the future, what involvement does the Department expect to have in providing input to or reviewing the state governments' proposals?

Answer:

- a) Local Hospital Network boundaries have been initially resolved for all jurisdictions signatory to the National Health and Hospital Network Agreement, with the exception of Victoria. Local Hospital Network boundaries are available at [www.yourhealth.gov.au](http://www.yourhealth.gov.au)
- b) The Department has worked with states and territories to resolve Local Hospital Network boundaries through bilateral discussions, the Health Reform Implementation Group and sub-groups.
- c) The Department will continue to work with states and territories as the implementation of this reform progresses. Working group discussions will continue into the future and bilateral discussions will be scheduled as issues are raised.