

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: MEDICARE LOCALS IMPLEMENTATION AND TRANSITION BRANCH

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

How many staff within the Medicare Locals Implementation and Transition Branch in the Department of Health and Ageing? In total and by full time equivalent.

Answer:

The Medicare Locals Implementation and Transition Branch currently has 24.50 full time equivalent staff, and 26 staff in total.

In addition to its Medicare Local work, the Branch also has responsibility for a number of other initiatives, including:

- the management and wind-up of the Divisions of General Practice Program;
- the development and implementation of the *Coordinated Care for Diabetes* National Health Reform measure;
- the development and implementation of the *Improving Access to Primary Care for Older Australians* National Health Reform measure;
- the management of the allied health component of the Aged Care Access Initiative (ACAI); and
- other general primary health care policy and program initiatives.