

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-334

OUTCOME 8: Indigenous Health

Topic: ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question: How does health engage with local government?

Answer:

We have taken this question to relate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health engagement. In general, as Ms Powell said in Hansard, page 36, the Department of Health and Ageing does not engage directly with local government outside of specific grant activity.

At the local level some individual Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations have linkages with local councils. These linkages are strengthened in some communities through the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs network of Government Engagement Coordinators.