

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Primary Health Networks

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

- a) What does the acronym PHN stand for?
- b) Does the Department continue to advise PHNs that if they use the term "Primary Health Networks" they may be liable for legal action?

Answer:

- a) PHN is used as an acronym for Primary Health Networks and is the term used to identify the 31 organisations funded under the Australian Government's Primary Health Networks (PHN) Programme.
- b) The Department of Health has advised PHNs to seek independent legal advice if they chose to use 'primary health network' in their name. The Department continues to refer to this advice when addressing issues regarding PHN naming and branding.