

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Are you confirming now—this is the first time we have actually had this confirmed—that Aboriginal organisations will have to tender for the work that they are currently providing?

**Answer:**

No. The funding currently provided by the Commonwealth directly to Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) is not intended to be provided to Primary Health Networks (PHNs) to then commission ACCHSs and will not be included in the current PHN commissioning process.

However, ACCHSs may wish to be commissioned by PHNs from a range of sources to undertake service delivery, consistent with identified local health needs.