

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Health Care Homes

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Watt, Murray

**Question:**

In terms of the detailed design of Health Care Homes:

- a) How were the 10 Primary Health Network trial sites selected?
- b) How will the 200 general practices be selected? To what extent will Aboriginal Medical Services be able to participate?
- c) How will the 65,000 target patients be identified? How will they be recruited, given enrolment is meant to be voluntary?
- d) What will be the criteria for evaluation? Who will conduct it?

**Answer:**

- a) The 10 Primary Health Network regions have been selected to provide a good geographical cross section including metropolitan, regional and remote communities.
- b) The 200 Health Care Homes will be selected through a competitive application assessment process. General practices and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health services will be able to apply.
- c) Eligible patients will be identified and recruited through a range of means, including the use of a risk stratification tool, communication activities and the support of meso level organisations such as Primary Health Networks.
- d) Tenders for an independent evaluation of Stage 1 Health Care Homes are currently being assessed.