

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 6: Rural Health

Topic: RURAL HEALTH

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In relation to the Draft National Strategic Framework for Rural and Remote Health - Status:

- a) What is the status in the development of this framework and when will it be released/finalised?
- b) If it is with the Minister, when was it submitted to her?

Answer:

- a) The draft National Strategic Framework for Rural and Remote Health is awaiting clearance from the Australian Health Minister's Advisory Council (AHMAC) Rural Health Standing Committee (RHSC), which is responsible for its development.

The draft Framework will be cleared through the RHSC with a view to submitting it through AHMAC to the Australian Health Ministers' Conference for endorsement in mid 2011.

- b) The Framework will not be formally submitted to Minister Roxon for clearance until it has been endorsed by the RHSC.