

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015, 25 February 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Medicare Locals

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

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

At the time of tabling, what are the total costs associated with the decision to close all Medicare Locals and establish 30 Primary Healthcare Networks?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health has developed a template Claims Determination Schedule (CDS). The CDS was provided to all Medicare Locals as part of the Deed of Termination and Release in December 2014.

The final CDS is not due to the Department until 31 July 2015 or 25 business days after the funding agreement between the relevant Primary Health Network and the Commonwealth is executed (whichever is later).