

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Transition to Primary Health Networks

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Wright, Penny

Question:

What has been the cost of the transition to Primary Health Networks so far? Please provide a breakdown.

Answer:

The Department of Health will not be able to calculate the cost of the transition to Primary Health Networks (PHNs) until Medicare Local reasonable costs and transition costs are finalised.

Medicare Locals are required to submit their final claim for reasonable and transition costs by 31 July 2015. The Department will need to verify claims before final costs can be calculated.