

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Primary Healthcare Advisory Group

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

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

On what basis were members of the Primary Healthcare Advisory Group appointed, how often are they expected to meet and on what basis will they be expected to report

**Answer:**

As announced by the Minister for Health, the Hon Sussan Ley MP on 22 April, the Primary Health Care Advisory Group (PHCAG) is chaired by Dr Steve Hambleton.

The PHCAG is a non-statutory departmental committee, with members nominated as individual experts. They are not representing organisations or sectors.

As a departmental committee, the Secretary provides final approval of the members. Consultation occurred with the Chair, given his knowledge of the sector and the Minister following her consultations earlier in the year.

The PHCAG had its inaugural meeting on 4 June 2015 and it is anticipated that it will meet up to 5 more times prior to delivering a final report to Government by the end of 2015.

Terms of Reference for the PHCAG can be found at: [www.health.gov.au/healthiermedicare](http://www.health.gov.au/healthiermedicare) .