

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Primary Health Networks

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

Is the WAPHA contractually obliged to seek to deliver upon targets relating to Closing the Gap? If yes, please outline those targets. If not, why not? If yes that targets relating to Closing the Gap will be in place, what mechanisms will exist to ensure compliance? Will some or all of those mechanisms involve WAPHA reporting on Aboriginal-related health outcomes using the same indicators applicable to the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector?

Answer:

The Indigenous Australians' Health Programme – Primary Health Care Activity Schedule requires Primary Health Networks (PHNs) funded under the programme (including the Western Australia Primary Health Alliance) to report via Online Service Reporting and report against National Key Performance Indicators using the same indicators as Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS).