

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**Topic:** Primary Health Networks

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**Senator:** Siewert, Rachel

**Question:**

How, if at all, does the WAPHA involve non-clinicians in strategic governance? In deciding on resource allocations between metro and country? In deciding on resource allocations between different regional and remote parts of WA? In making operational decisions?

**Answer:**

As outlined in the *Primary Health Networks Grant Programme Guidelines*, PHNs will establish representative Community Advisory Committees to report to the Board on locally relevant consumer issues. These Committees will influence PHN Board decisions on the unique needs of their respective communities, to ensure that decisions, investments and innovations are patient-centred, cost-effective, locally relevant and aligned to the local care experiences and expectations.

Resource allocation between metropolitan and country Western Australia has been determined through separate Commonwealth funding allocations for the Perth North, Perth South and Country WA PHNs. Resource allocations between different regional and remote parts of Western Australia, within the Country WA PHN, will be an operational decision for the PHN.