

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Primary Health Networks

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

**Senator:** Siewert, Rachel

**Question:**

How does the WAPHA make decisions about allocations of resources and / or effort in country areas as distinct from the Perth metropolitan area?

**Answer:**

The Perth North, Perth South and Country WA Primary Health Networks (PHNs) will receive separate funding allocations from the Commonwealth.

The three PHNs in Western Australia will have their own supporting governance and community engagement mechanisms that will be responsible for meeting the contractual and reporting obligations of each PHN and for making determinations on clinical commissioning priorities for that region.