

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Chronic Disease Programs

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

**Senator:** Siewert, Rachel

**Question:**

Will the Primary Health Networks be fund holders for programs previously delivered through the ICDP? What accountabilities are in place to ensure purchased services meet access and quality standards for Aboriginal people and ensure continuity of care?

**Answer:**

The chronic disease activities previously delivered through the Indigenous Chronic Disease Programme/Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Chronic Disease Fund that are transferring to Primary Health Networks (PHNs) are the Care Coordination and Supplementary Services and Improving Indigenous Access to Mainstream Primary Health Care programmes.

Medicare Locals developed transition plans for both activities and are required to work with the PHNs to ensure continuity of care. The two activities will remain unchanged in 2015-16, and PHNs will be required to continue to provide information on delivery outcomes as part of their contractual obligations.