

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Medicare Locals

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**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

What is the cost of running the application process to establish the PHNs, including paying redundancies for staff, breaking leases and any other contracts?

**Answer:**

The application process was undertaken as part of the normal duties of staff.

Medicare Locals are required to submit their final claim for transition costs and any reasonable costs unavoidably incurred which are directly attributable to the termination. Final claims are due on 31 July 2015 and will need to be verified before an accurate figure can be provided.