

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 1 – 2 June 2015**

**Ref No:** SQ15-000669

**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** PHN Contracts

**Type of Question:** Hansard Page 72, 1 June 2015

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Senator McLUCAS: Can we get back to PHNs then, please? I was going through a series of questions asked to try and ascertain the cost of running the application process. Can you take on notice an assessment of the departmental cost, including consultants costs, to run the PHN application process? How many contracts have been prepared for PHNs?

**Answer:**

Departmental cost is covered in the answer to Question on Notice SQ15-000621.

Consultant cost is covered in the answer to Question on Notice SQ15-000507.

As per Hansard page 72, 1 June 2015, contract negotiations were underway with all 31 Primary Health Networks (PHNs). 11 contracts had been signed on the day of Budget Estimates, 1 June 2015.