

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Medicare Locals

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Senator: Wright, Penny

Question:

What guidelines for handover from Medicare Locals to Primary Health Networks have been developed? Please provide a copy.

Answer:

The Deed for Termination and Release (DoTR) was offered to Medicare Locals in December 2014. The DoTR outlines the processes Medicare Locals and the Department of Health would undertake to terminate the Medicare Locals programme, to transition activities and services to new providers, and to ensure minimal disruptions to patients.

The DoTR includes information on asset transfer, intellectual property transfer and the transfer of medical records.

The DoTR which was offered to all Medicare Locals is attached.