

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME 5: Primary Care**

**Topic: GP ASSIST TASMANIA AND TAS MEDICARE LOCAL**

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**Senator: Senator Bushby**

**Question:**

Can Tasmania be released from the requirement to utilise the healthdirect nurse triage service? Would the Minister approve excluding Tasmania from the provisions of the Commonwealth/State Funding Agreement relating to the use of healthdirect, if requested to do so by the Tasmanian Government?

**Answer:**

That is a matter for the Tasmanian Government.

The Australian Government Minister for Health has no role in approving the exit from the Network for any state or territory.