

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

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Senator: Senator Bushby

Question:

Further, is the Minister aware that an independent analysis conducted by national accounting firm BDO concluded that the increased cost to Tasmanian Emergency Services of the proposed Hybrid model would be \$1.688 million per annum?

Answer:

Advice from the National Health Call Centre (NHCCN), which manages the national telephone platform for health triage and support, was sought in relation to the specific elements cited. The NHCCN advised it considered that the financial claims made were based on incomplete analysis of the full service and environment in which healthdirect Australia operates.

The Department of Health and Ageing has not been provided with the full BDO report.