

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 6: Rural Health

**Topic: ESTABLISHMENT OF RURAL AND REGIONAL HEALTH AUSTRALIA
(RRHA)**

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

On what basis does RRHA deliver some programs but not others?

Answer:

Rural and Regional Health Australia (RRHA) delivers a number of programs directly related to facilitating access to health care services across regional, rural and remote Australia.

While the Department of Health and Ageing administers over 100 programs that include a rural focus, these discreet programs are delivered as a part of a broader subject area framework, such as aged care, mental health or health workforce. It is therefore appropriate for the majority of these programs to be delivered by those areas of the Department with relevant subject matter expertise.