

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

I understand New South Wales wanted a one-for-one establishment of PHNs. Why was that rejected?

Answer:

Primary Health Network (PHN) boundaries are aligned to Local Hospital Networks (LHNs), or clusters of LHNs, which will facilitate collaborative working relationships and reduce duplication of effort.

In determining boundaries, a number of factors were considered, including population size, alignment with LHNs, state and territory borders, patient flows, and administrative efficiencies.