

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Wright, Penny

Question:

Also, perhaps you could help me understand whether this is the sort of situation where—and forgive my ignorance of how government departments work—you would have to wait to be requested to provide that kind of input, or it is one where, if people within your department were concerned about that and it was within your bailiwick, I suppose, they could offer to provide information or policy advice to another department. How would that work?

Answer:

The Department of Health consults with other Departments and Agencies where there are issues of known policy overlap, through both informal and formal processes.