

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Primary Health Networks

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Is it the case that North Western PHN and Eastern Melbourne PHN splits Northern Health in two? Is it the case that Northern Health's main site in Epping will be in one PHN and its Broadmeadows site another?

Answer:

Primary Health Network (PHN) boundaries are geographically based. As Victoria does not have defined geographic boundaries for its Local Health Network (LHN), PHNs have been determined using Australian Bureau of Statistics Australian Statistical Geographic Statistical Area 3 base geography with consideration of a number of other factors including population size, LHN alignment (where possible) state and territory borders, patient flows, and administrative efficiencies.