

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 4 - Acute Care

**Topic:** Mersey Hospital

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**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

The member for Braddon, Mr. Whiteley, has also publicly stated that, in his view, the ownership of the Mersey should be handed back to the state government. Has the department received any correspondence from the member for Braddon? Is this under consideration?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health has not received correspondence from the Member for Braddon, Mr Whiteley about the Mersey Community Hospital.

However, Mr Whiteley wrote to the then Prime Minister, the Hon Tony Abbot MP, on 1 May 2015 regarding Mersey Community Hospital. The Prime Minister referred the correspondence to the Minister for Health, the Hon Sussan Ley MP. Minister Ley responded to Mr Whiteley on 23 June 2015.