

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Please explain the intended process for continued funding for national services, state and territory wide services or services that operate across the boundaries of more than one Primary Health Networks. Will these services be required to apply for funding across all or multiple of the 31 PHNs?

Answer:

The Department is currently considering options for the transition of funding under the Non Government Organisation Treatment Grants Program and the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grant Fund to alternate arrangements, including the new model of Primary Health Networks. It is expected that recipients of funding will be notified of any changes in funding arrangements from 1 July 2017 in early 2017, including those that go across PHN boundaries or operate at a state or national level.