

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS QUESTION
(Supplementary Budget Estimates 20 October – 21 October)

Question: SBT 4

Topic: National Health & Hospitals Network - Which Minister responsible

Senator # asked:

Which Minister will be responsible for the National Health and Hospitals Fund ?

Answer:

The Federal Financial Relations Amendment (National Health and Hospitals Network) Bill 2010 has been introduced into the Parliament and was passed by the House of Representatives on 24 November 2010. The Bill amends the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009* to implement the financing aspects of the National Health and Hospital Network reforms, including creating a National Health and Hospitals Network Fund.

Under the current Administrative Arrangement Orders, the Treasurer is responsible for administering the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009* and would therefore be responsible for administering payments out of the National Health and Hospitals Network Fund.