

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

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Question:

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—This national funding.

Mr Tune—We want to check a couple of things here. First, we want to check whether legislation is required. That is one thing we will take on notice for you. Second, there is the question of where it might sit. I am pretty confident it will not sit in Finance if it is required.

Answer:

Yes, legislation is required. The National Health Reform Heads of Agreement (clause 18a) states in part “A joint group of officials will draft the legislation (both Commonwealth and state) and resolve final governance arrangements,...reporting back to the next COAG meeting”.