

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-211

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: INDIGENOUS TOBACCO CONTROL INITIATIVE

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Senator Scullion asked:

Of the 20 regions that you have already funded through the Indigenous Tobacco Control Initiative, how many have actually been appointed a regional tobacco coordinator and tobacco action workers?

Answer:

The \$14.5 million Indigenous Tobacco Control Initiatives announced in March 2008 has been funding 18 innovative tobacco control pilot projects in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities around Australia.

The \$100.6 million COAG Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes Tackling Smoking measure is funding the roll-out of the Tackling Smoking Workforce in 20 regions across Australia in 2010-11, with national coverage through 57 regions to be achieved in 2012-13.

As of 25 February 2011, 12 regional tobacco coordinators and 12 tobacco action workers had been appointed.