

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-213

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: INDIGENOUS TOBACCO CONTROL INITIATIVE

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Senator Scullion asked:

I was just looking for the answer as to perhaps why it was difficult to recruit in a community where 47 per cent of them smoke cigarettes. We are trying to get a non-smoker, and I thought that might be part of the issue. Have you got anything else you can add to that, as to why we seem to have such low numbers?

Answer:

While some host organisations are still running recruitment processes, 12 regional tobacco coordinators and 12 tobacco action workers have been appointed. The recruitment of the regional tobacco coordinators and tobacco action workers is being rolled-out in a staged approach. Teams are being established in the first 20 regions plus the ACT in 2010-11, the next 20 in 2011-12 and the final 17 in 2012-13.