

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-214

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: INDIGENOUS TOBACCO CONTROL INITIATIVE

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Senator Scullion asked:

[Recruiting of regional tobacco coordinators]

I acknowledge your comment in regard to the fact that these are other people who are organising this for you. However, it is still your position that the positions will all be filled by 2012-13, so I am assuming that is about 30 June 2013. That is a line in the sand.

Given that they are not high numbers, do you have a plan to ensure that those positions are filled by that date?

Answer:

The Department's funding agreements with host organisations include incentives to recruit and retain workers. Host organisations' six-monthly payments are linked to the period that they have had workers employed. Payments are reduced by the number of weeks that workers are not employed, unless the service can justify that the funding has otherwise been used to advance the Tackling Smoking measure.

In addition, host organisations receive bonus payments of \$4,500 per worker, if they retain the worker for a full 12 months.