

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2013 - 2014, 26 February 2014**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McLucas Jan

**Question:**

Has the diagnostic tool for FASD been developed? Please provide a copy if it has been.

**Answer:**

A draft Diagnostic Tool for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders was developed by the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research. The draft tool now requires clinical validation and the development of accompanying guidance for practitioners in the use of the Diagnostic Tool. Negotiations for this work are currently underway with the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research to complete the Diagnostic Tool.