

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2012, 30/31 May & 1 June 2012

Question: E12-410

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Flexible Funding

Written Question on Notice

Senator Smith asked:

- a) In relation to the 18 new funds could you advise me of the quantum attached to each of those funds?
- b) Following on from that, can you advise how many funding applications were made for each of the 18 funds and how many of those were successful?

NOTE – this is an amended response to Estimates Question on Notice E12-410. A response to this Question on Notice was provided to the Committee on 8 August 2012. This amended response corrects the number of applications for the Substance Misuse Prevention and Service Improvement Grants Fund in the table at answer b) from 54 to 65. This was due to an administrative error. The total number of applications referred to in the introductory paragraph of part b) below, has also been corrected (previously 1565, now corrected to 1576).

Answer:

- a) Total value of the flexible Funds for the period 2011-12 to 2014-15

| Fund | Total \$m |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Aged Care Service Improvement and Healthy Ageing Grants Fund | \$322.107 |
| Aged Care Workforce Fund | \$332.268 |
| Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Grants Fund | \$251.814 |
| Communicable Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Grants Fund | \$43.059 |
| Quality Use of Diagnostics, Therapeutics and Pathology Fund | \$190.721 |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Chronic Disease Fund | \$833.269 |
| Health Protection Fund | \$68.184 |
| Health Social Surveys Fund | \$31.838 |
| Health Surveillance Fund | \$73.771 |
| Health System Capacity Development Fund | \$117.371 |
| Health Workforce Fund | \$3,624.031 |
| Rural Health Outreach Fund | \$123.952 |
| Practice Incentives for General Practices Fund | \$1,000.343 |
| Regionally Tailored Primary Health Care Initiatives Through Medicare Locals Fund | \$1,452.683 |
| Indemnity Insurance Fund | \$476.495 |
| Single Initial Point of Contact for Health Information, Advice and Counselling Fund | \$212.757 |
| Substance Misuse Prevention and Service Improvement Grants Fund | \$86.007 |
| Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund | \$558.897 |

- b) In November 2011 six of the 18 flexible Funds advertised grant rounds. A total of 1576 applications were received across the six funds with 206 being shortlisted to enter into contract negotiations. The breakdown is:

| Fund | Number of Applications | Number of Shortlisted Applications |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Aged Care Service Improvement and Healthy Ageing Grants Fund | 625 | 64 |
| Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund | 370 | 22 |
| Communicable Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund | 72 | 10 |
| Health System Capacity Development Fund | 220 | 25 |
| Substance Misuse Prevention and Service Improvement Grants | 65 | 15 |
| Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund | 224 | 70 |
| Total | 1576 | 206 |