

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Indigenous smoking rates

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

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Could the department provide the latest available figures on Indigenous smoking rates?

**Answer:**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics publication '*ABS Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey: Updated Results, 2012-13*' released on 6 June 2014 shows that 42 per cent of Indigenous Australians aged 15 years and over smoked daily in 2012-13.