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BE14-001	SQ14-000379	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	NATSIHEC meeting	Has the Assistant Minister for Health ever met with NATSIHEC? If so, provide the date, time and location of the meeting(s). If not, why?	Written			
BE14-002	SQ14-000380	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	NATSIHEC membership	Could the department provide a list of the membership of NATSIHEC and the relevant qualifications of each of the members?	Written			
BE14-003	SQ14-000381	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	NATSIHEC members	Have the members of NATSIHEC been advised that their service is no longer required? On what date and by what method were they notified?	Written			
BE14-004	SQ14-000382	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	NATSIHEC	Who made the decision that NATSIHEC was no longer required? When was this decision made?	Written			
BE14-005	SQ14-000383	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Indigenous health policy	Who will now advise the Minister / Assistant Minister for Health on Indigenous health policy?	Written			
BE14-006	SQ14-000384	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Health Plan media release	The media release from Assistant Health Minister Senator the Hon Fiona Nash on 30 May 2014 states that 'the Health Plan would be updated to reflect the Government's approach and priorities for Indigenous affairs...' a) How will the Government 'update' the Plan? Please detail the process. b) Who will be responsible for updating the Plan? The Assistant Minister for Health? The Minister's advisers? The department? If so, please detail the APS level of the relevant staff. c) The Plan enjoys wide support across the sector and was developed in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. What is the consultation process for the update of the plan? Did the Minister or the department consult stakeholders about the proposed changes to the Plan? d) What are the specific substantive changes that will be made to the Plan? e) When will the changes be finalised and released to the public?	Written			
BE14-007	SQ14-000386	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-23	Who is responsible for the development of the implementation plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-23?	Written			
BE14-008	SQ14-000388	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-23	Please detail the process for the development of the implementation plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-23, including consultation and the timeline for the plan.	Written			
BE14-009	SQ14-000391	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-23	How will Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities be involved in setting the priorities and targets in the implementation of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-23?	Written			
BE14-010	SQ14-000392	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-23	NATSIHEC played a central role in the development of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-23. Who will provide advice on the implementation plan now that NATSIHEC no longer exists?	Written			
BE14-011	SQ14-000393	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Close the Gap targets	The Minister for Indigenous Affairs remarked in his opening statement at the Estimates hearing on 30 May 2014 that many of the Closing the Gap targets are not on track. What is the policy rationale for cutting more than \$121 million dollars from Indigenous health programmes and activities and investing the money into a Medical Research Futures Fund? How will taking money out of Indigenous health and investing the savings elsewhere help to Close the Gap?	Written			
BE14-012	SQ14-000394	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Indigenous health research	Budget Paper No. 2 (p.185) shows a \$121.8 million funding cut to Indigenous health, with the savings to be invested in the Medical Research Futures Fund. How much of the Medical Research Futures Fund will be allocated for Indigenous health research?	Written			
BE14-013	SQ14-000396	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Unallocated funding	Could the department provide a list of unallocated funding for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years?	Written			
BE14-014	SQ14-000397	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Vacant program positions	How many programs have vacant positions that are now subject to a pause? Provide a list of all programs where a pause on recruitment has been applied.	Written			
BE14-015	SQ14-000399	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Reviews of Indigenous health programs and funding	How many reviews will be undertaken by the department in relation to Indigenous health programmes and funding over the next 12 months? For each review provide the purpose, timetable, cost, number of staff and their APS level.	Written			
BE14-016	SQ14-000401	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Reviews of Indigenous health programs and funding	How many reviews will be undertaken by external agencies or consultants in relation to Indigenous health programmes and funding over the next 12 months? For each review provide the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, the method of procurement and the total value for all consultancies.	Written			
BE14-017	SQ14-000403	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Aboriginal Medical Services funding	Aboriginal Medical Services have had funding for clinical and core services continued for 12 months. What specific services are AMSs now funded for? Which services provided by AMSs are not being funded under the new 12 month funding extension?	Written			
BE14-018	SQ14-000404	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Frontline service	How does the department define a frontline service? Is this a consistent standard across the Health department? Is this definition consistent with that of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet?	Written			
BE14-019	SQ14-000405	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Indigenous smoking rates	Could the department provide the latest available figures on Indigenous smoking rates?	Written			

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BE14-020	SQ14-000406	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Tackling Smoking program review	In relation to the pause on the growth of the Tackling Smoking programme, the Department of Health's website states '[w]hile the Review is underway there is a pause on recruitment, which means that no unfilled positions can be filled and if workers leave during the Review their positions will not be replaced.' Why are teams potentially being left short-handed with less resources if the pause is only on the growth of the programme while it is subject to review?	Written			
BE14-021	SQ14-000408	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Quitline services	Quitline services are currently funded so that Aboriginal staff can provide culturally appropriate services to clients. Is this funding ongoing? Is it subject to review?	Written			
BE14-022	SQ14-000409	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Smoke-free workplaces	Is the support provided to ACCHOs to become smoke-free workplaces ongoing?	Written			
BE14-023	SQ14-000410	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Indigenous health expenditure	A comparison between Indigenous health expenditure shown in Table 8: Summary of expenses – health, Budget Paper No.1 2013-14, and Table 8: Summary of expenses – health, Budget Paper No.1 2014-15 shows a reduction of \$324 over the forward estimates. Could the department explain the difference in these figures?	Written			
BE14-024	SQ14-000411	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Indigenous health grant funding methodology	The Health Portfolio Budget Statement indicates a new funding allocation methodology for Indigenous health grant funding will be implemented from 2015-16. How will this funding methodology be developed? Will it be indexed for population growth and inflation?	Written			
BE14-025	SQ14-000412	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Closing the Gap funding	The 'Real Solutions' pamphlet guaranteed that funding for all Closing the Gap in Indigenous health outcomes would be maintained. Can the department confirm that all funding allocated in the 2013-14 Budget for Closing the Gap in Indigenous health has been and will be maintained at those levels from the 2014-15 Budget and over the forward estimates?	Written			
BE14-026	SQ14-000413	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	New Indigenous health programs and investments	Could the department provide a list of new investments and programmes in Indigenous health over the forward estimates and the funding attached to each new investment or programme?	Written			
BE14-027	SQ14-000414	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Indigenous health roundtable	On what date did the Assistant Minister for Health hold a roundtable with Indigenous groups in relation to Indigenous health issues? Who was present at the roundtable? Was the GP co-payment discussed at the roundtable? Could the department provide minutes, notes and documents relating to the proceedings of that round table to the committee?	Written			
BE14-028	SQ14-000415	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	GP co-payment	In relation to the GP co-payment, what modelling and analysis has been undertaken to assess the impact on the Close the Gap health targets?	Written			
BE14-029	SQ14-000416	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	GP co-payment	The AMA and Rural Doctor's Association have serious concerns about the effect of the GP co-payment on health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Did the Government consult the AMA or Rural Doctor's Association before deciding on this measure?	Written			
BE14-030	SQ14-000417	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	GP co-payment	Are Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations expected to absorb the costs of the GP co-payment within their own operating budgets? What modelling has the department done to assess the impact on these services?	Written			
BE14-031	SQ14-000418	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	GP co-payment and ACCHOs	Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) provide a range of services, including preventative health programmes, nutrition programmes and health education programmes in addition to clinical services. Are ACCHOs expected to use this funding to instead absorb the cost of the GP co-payment? Has any modelling been done on the impact of a reduction in these additional services due to the co-payments?	Written			
BE14-032	SQ14-000420	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Exemptions for GP co-payment	Are all health checks and Chronic Care Management items for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people exempt from the GP co-payment? Is this only for Aboriginal Medical Services, or will the exemptions apply for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples using mainstream medical services?	Written			
BE14-033	SQ14-000421	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Indigenous Australians' Health Programme	How will the Indigenous Australians' Health Programme be implanted? How will the four funding streams be consolidated within the programme?	Written			
BE14-034	SQ14-000422	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Indigenous Australians' Health Programme	The Indigenous Australians' Health Programme has been described as a flexible funding pool. Can the department confirm that funding allocations for each of the four streams will cease upon consolidation in this programme? How will funding be allocated from this new flexible funding pool?	Written			
BE14-035	SQ14-000423	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Indigenous Australians' Health Programme	What is the cost of implementing the Indigenous Australians' Health Programme across the forward estimates?	Written			
BE14-036	SQ14-000540	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Medical Advisory Committee	Is there a proposal to attach an Indigenous health representative to a medical advisory committee? Is this how the Minister will receive advice on Indigenous health?	Written			
BE14-037	SQ14-000905	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Department of Health	What are the real funding cuts to Indigenous health services from the 2014-15 Budget (combining both the Department of Health or by PM&C Budgets)?	Spoken			

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BE14-038	SQ14-000908	5 - Primary Health Care	Moore, Claire	Department of Health	I refer to the health line in the budget. Can we have exactly from the Health perspective what makes up those figures? What figures were used to come up with the line item in Budget Paper No. 2. Exactly what was harvested to reach those figures each year. What was counted to save that amount.	Spoken			
BE14-039	SQ14-000910	5 - Primary Health Care	Siewert, Rachel	Department of Health	Can I have a list of the programs and funds that have either been paused or cut, and or programs not filled.	Spoken			
BE14-040	SQ14-000911	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Department of Health	What was the budget saving in 2015-16?	Spoken			
BE14-041	SQ14-000913	5 - Primary Health Care	McLucas, Jan	Department of Health	Can you provide a table(s) that shows: 1.the 2013-14 budget and the figures for the out years that were indicated in it, and 2.the 2014-15 budget with the figures for those out years indicated as well.	Spoken			
BE14-042	SQ14-000920	5 - Primary Health Care	Siewert, Rachel	AOD Services within Indigenous Australians Health Program	Is alcohol and other drugs identified as a priority health issue within the Indigenous Australians Health Program?	Written			