

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question:

Cuts to essential alcohol and other drug services, including 5-10% cuts to Aboriginal service programs, will have a devastating impact on many communities. How much money will be cut from contracts to Western Australian Non-Government organisations under the Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Program (NGOTGP), Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grant Fund (SMSDGF) and under the Prime Minister and Cabinet Aboriginal programs?

Answer:

The Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Programme (NGOTGP) and elements 1, 5 and 6 of the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grant Fund (SMSDGF) are administered by the Department of Health. Questions on these programmes should be directed to the Department of Health.

The new Indigenous Advancement Strategy (the Strategy) which begins on 1 July 2014 will invest \$4.8 billion over four years in Indigenous programmes.

Drug and alcohol services and related activities will be supported through the new strategy, especially through the Safety and Wellbeing Programme.

Transitional arrangements over the next financial year will ensure services continue while the strategy is being implemented.