

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: \$15 million Mental Health Research

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Dodson, Patrick

Question:

The \$15 million allocated to the three organisations, will any of this funding include research around the mental health and suicide prevention in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people? If not, why not?

Answer:

The mental health research measure will assist to improve the mental health and wellbeing of Australians, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Australian Government is funding the establishment of a Centre of Best Practice in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention to continue to build the evidence base of what works to ensure we are continuously learning and adapting to what is working on the ground.

The Australian Government is also funding 12 suicide prevention trials, including two in the Kimberley and Darwin that will specifically focus on suicide prevention in Indigenous communities.