

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: Nganampa Health Council

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Kakoschke-Moore, Skye

Question:

The South Australian Government's Community Cabinet visited the APY Lands at the beginning of May 2017. During that visit, the Nganampa Health Council, where Gayle Woodford, worked advised it had been using special federal funding to provide escorts for nurses, but that they are awaiting confirmation that the funding would continue.

- a) Will the funding continue? If yes, how much and for what period?
- b) If no decision has been made, when will a decision be made?
- c) If the funding won't continue, how do you expect the service to provide the escort?

Answer:

- a) Yes. On 15 June 2017, the Department of Health executed an agreement with the Nganampa Health Council to receive an additional \$895,000 (GST exclusive) in 2017-18 to help meet the primary health care needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands.
- b) A decision has been made on the funding.
- c) Funding will continue.