

PDR No	Outcome	Question Submitted By	Subject	Full Question Text	Hansard/Ref
SQ17-000509	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Programs	<p>Senator DODSON: I understand—and maybe the minister or you can correct me—that in the 2017-18 budget about \$115 million was allocated. How much of that was specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health and suicide prevention programs or services? Ms Cole: There were no Indigenous-specific items in that budget. However, there was a specific item for suicide prevention, which is around the suicide hotspots. Senator DODSON: So where do I get this figure of \$115 million from? Ms Cole: So \$115 million is the total additional mental health money that was provided in the last budget in this portfolio. There are four initiatives within that. Senator DODSON: Can you refer me to it in the budget papers? Ms Cole: Can I provide those to you out of session? Senator DODSON: Sure; I will take it on notice.</p>	55 - 26/05/2017
SQ17-000510	2 - Health Access and Support Services	McCarthy, Malrindirri	Syphilis Outbreak	<p>Ms Appleyard: Yes, I can confirm that there is an ongoing outbreak in the north of Australia, and also in South Australia. We are talking about Queensland, Northern Territory, the Kimberley region of Western Australia and the north of South Australia. A multijurisdictional outbreak investigation group has been established, and that meets monthly to investigate the outbreak and to keep across the surveillance numbers—to know what numbers we are dealing with. Senator McCARTHY: Where is it located? Ms Appleyard: I can actually give you the specific areas, the outbreak areas, if you wouldn't mind just bearing with me. Senator McCARTHY: Yes, if you can give the outbreak areas and also this task force? Ms Appleyard: Oh, yes, the Multijurisdictional Syphilis Outbreak Working Group is coordinated by my division of the Department of Health, the Office of Health Protection. Senator McCARTHY: And where are they located? Ms Appleyard: We are located in Canberra, but of course there are representatives located in states and territories, because it is the Commonwealth doing national coordination of state and territory activity. Senator McCARTHY: And when was that group put together? Ms Appleyard: In 2014, and, as I mentioned, it meets monthly. Senator McCARTHY: So how long has the department been aware of this outbreak? Ms Appleyard: The first indications of the outbreak commencement were in January 2011, but I would say at that stage—and I might have to take it on notice—it may not have been identified as an outbreak per se. That is generally something that you will pick up after it has been going on for a while and where you can link the cases in accordance with the case definition.</p>	56 - 26/05/2017

SQ17-000511	2 - Health Access and Support Services	McCarthy, Malrindirri	Syphilis Outbreak	Senator McCARTHY: Just in terms of the question around the \$4.4 million, if you just go to page 25 of Budget Paper No. 3, Federal Financial Relations 2017-18 Part 2: Payments for specific purposes. That may help. Dr Studdert: I think we will take that on notice and confirm that with you. Senator McCARTHY: Okay, but you were just asking me where I got that figure. Dr Studdert: Yes. Sorry; we do not have that budget paper.	56 - 26/05/2017
SQ17-000512	2 - Health Access and Support Services	McCarthy, Malrindirri	Areas of Syphilis Outbreak	Senator McCARTHY: So you are going to provide a list of the areas where the outbreak is concentrated. Can you inform us as to whether or not the infectious syphilis outbreak is also prevalent among ATSI people in NT and WA? You touched on it. Ms Appleyard: Yes, there are cases in the Northern Territory and WA. Senator McCARTHY: How severe are the cases there? CHAIR: I am sorry, Senator McCarthy; that is the five minutes. I apologise, but we will come back to you if we have time. I know Senator Smith had some follow-up questions.	57 - 26/05/2017
SQ17-000513	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Terms of Reference	Senator SIEWERT: Could I ask a question on notice? CHAIR: Of course. Senator SIEWERT: Could you provide the terms of reference for the task force? Ms Wallace: Certainly.	58 - 26/05/2017
SQ17-000514	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Kakoschke-Moore, Skye	PHNs	Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: Perhaps just to save time, on notice could you provide me with some more of those details, because that sounds quite fascinating. In particular—and you might be able to answer it for me now—could you tell me about the work that has gone into professional development of the health workforce. Has that professional development included cultural safety training? Ms Bobbi Campbell: We will take that on notice and we will provide you with a bit more detail about that, because it is definitely something that we have been focusing on this last year, and the PHNs have been doing quite a lot of good, significant work in this space to assist.	59 - 26/05/2017
SQ17-000515	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Kakoschke-Moore, Skye	Remote Area Nurses	Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: Fantastic. I would also like to know—I know it may fall slightly out of your domain—what work the department is doing for the development of remote area nurses, particularly those in Indigenous communities or working in Indigenous communities. If you could provide some details on that, that would be very helpful. Dr Studdert: Yes.	59 - 26/05/2017
SQ17-000560	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health and Suicide Prevention	a) How much funding is allocated specifically to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health and suicide prevention across the Department of Health? b) Can you provide a list of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health and suicide prevention programs that are currently funded? c) In regards to the 2017-18 Budget how much of the \$115 million allocated was specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health and suicide prevention programs or services?	Written

SQ17-000561	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	\$15 million Mental Health Research	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?	Written
SQ17-000563	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Suicide Prevention Trial Sites	a) How is the \$3 million being allocated in the Indigenous suicide trial sites? b) Can you provide a breakdown of funding in terms of allocations for workforce, outreach, printed or online material and so on?	Written
SQ17-000564	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Suicide Prevention Trial Sites	a) Will any of the trail site funding be put out for public tender? b) What is the evaluation process for these trail sites? Who will be conducting the evaluations, and will they occur during or after the 3 year trial?	Written
SQ17-000565	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023 (IPNATSIHP)	a) Can the department provide us with an update on the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023? b) Can the department inform the committee, how much funding was allocated to the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023 in this 2017/18 Budget? c) Can you provide a list updating the committee on the progress of all the deliverables both 2018 and 2023 within the Implementation Plan?	Written
SQ17-000566	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Rheumatic Heart Disease	a) Can you please provide a breakdown of what the new \$6 million announced in the Budget in funding for the Rheumatic Fever Strategy will be used for? b) How will this funding be allocated across Australia?	Written
SQ17-000567	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Rheumatic Heart Disease	a) Has the Government committed to the target of ending Rheumatic Heart Disease by 2031, the target set by Rheumatic Heart Disease Australia, the AMA and the END Rheumatic Heart Disease Coalition? b) Has the Government committed an evidence-based strategy focussing on cost-effective intergovernmental, multi-disciplinary national efforts to end Rheumatic Heart Disease to this as part of this Budget funding?	Written
SQ17-000568	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program (ANFPP)	The three new sites that were announced on May 16th when will they commence the operation of the Australian Nurse-Family Partnership program?	Written

SQ17-000569	0 - Whole of Portfolio	Farrell, Don	Market Research	<p>For the 2016-17 financial year, what was the total amount spent by the Department on market research (either as a whole contract or as part of a contract)? For each contract for market research in 2016/2017, can you please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subject of the market research; • The supplier; • Whether the supplier has been engaged previously and if so, for which contracts; • The total value of the contract; • The term of the contract (time); • The date that the decision was taken to seek market research on the topic; • The date the contract was opened to tender or selection process; • The date the supplier was engaged; • Whether the contract was subject to a tender process, including whether there was a full, partial or closed tender process; • Does the supplier exist on a pre-approved supplier list, if so, when were they added to that list; • Whether the Minister, or the Minister's Office, requested that the research be conducted; • Whether the Minister approved the decision to conduct market research; • Whether the Minister approved the contract with the supplier; • Whether the Minister or the Minister's office was consulted on questions asked; • Whether the Minister or the Minister's office received a copy of the market research; • If the decision to conduct research was initiated by the department or agency, was the Minister or their office consulted before the decision was taken to conduct research, if so – in what form did that consultation take (written, verbal other); • If the decision to conduct research was initiated by the department or agency, did Minister or their office make any amendments or changes to the Department's proposal for market research to be conducted, if so, what changes and to what aspects were they made; • At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research were other departments or agencies consulted? • At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research were other Ministers, or the Prime Minister consulted? • At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research did the expected cost change, if so how? • At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research did the scope, questions or supplier of the research change? • Have any topics or questions of market research been conducted and subsequently conducted again by the same or different supplier? 	Written
SQ17-000698	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Kakoschke-Moore, Skye	Nganampa Health Council	<p>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.</p> <p>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?</p>	Written