

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-410

OUTCOME 8: Indigenous Health

Topic: AUSTRALIAN GENERAL PRACTICE NETWORK OTITIS MEDIA GUIDELINES PROJECT

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Senator Siewert asked:

Provide a breakdown of where the AGPN activity is delivered. What is happening for the more urban based communities? What is the focus of this activity?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing has provided funding to the Australian General Practice Network (AGPN) to promote and implement the updated *Recommendations for Clinical Care Guidelines on the Management of Otitis Media in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Populations* (2010).

The project includes:

- piloting a model of care based on the Otitis Media Guidelines in six Medicare Locals/Divisions of General Practice;
- developing and delivering a continuing professional development module on Otitis Media for General Practitioners and other primary health care providers; and
- promoting the Otitis Media Guidelines through various media.

AGPN has selected the following sites for the pilot through an Expression of Interest process:

- Boab Health Services (Kimberley Division of General Practice);
 - Illawarra Shoalhaven Medicare Local;
 - Lower Murray Medicare Local;
 - Murrumbidgee Medicare Local;
 - Northern Rivers General Practice Network; and
 - Sunshine Coast Division of General Practice.
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- The locations for the continuing professional development workshops have not yet been finalised.