

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-230

OUTCOME 14: Biosecurity and Emergency Response

Topic: PNG NATIONALS

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Senator Boyce asked:

How many PNG nationals have died of TB in the Torres Strait in that period since the decision was made to close the clinics?

Answer:

Queensland reported that TB clinics would be closed after 30 June 2011. Two deaths from TB have been reported to the National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System (NNDSS) between 1 June 2011 and 15 February 2012 in Papua New Guinea nationals who have accessed health services in the Torres Strait. The place of death cannot be determined from NNDSS standard data fields.