

## Senate Community Affairs Committee

### ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

#### HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

#### Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013

**Question:** E13-251

**OUTCOME:** 8: Indigenous Health

**Topic:** Number of Aboriginal medical services under review

**Type of Question:** Hansard Page 38, 15 February 2013

**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

How many Aboriginal medical service or other recipient organisations have been investigated this financial year to date for suspect financial misconduct with respect to Commonwealth funds for breach of their funding agreement?

How many have been shut down or had Commonwealth funding withdrawn as a result of breaches of the funding agreement? How much funding is currently being recovered from those medical services?

**Answer:**

As at 15 February 2013 there were twenty (20) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health or Substance Use organisations funded by the Department of Health and Ageing that are under review, or are being monitored by the Department as a result of a recent review.

A list of these organisations and the type of reviews and actions undertaken by the Department are listed in the table below. There are eight (8) of these organisations where the Department is seeking to recover funding where the reviews have identified funds that have not been used for the purpose they were provided or remained unspent following withdrawal of funding. Those organisations, and the amount of funds being pursued for recovery, are also included in the table below. The Department has also withdrawn funding from six (6) organisations, either as a result of the reviews or of the organisations becoming insolvent.

<b>Funded Organisation</b>	<b>Departmental Action</b>	<b>Current Funding Status</b>	<b>Funding Identified for Recovery 2012-13 (GST Inclusive)</b>
Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance for the NT – NT,	Financial and Organisational Review.	Funding continued.	\$864,000*
Ampilawatja Health Centre Aboriginal Corporation – NT	Financial and Organisational Review.	Funding continued.	Nil
Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd – NSW.	Financial and Organisational Review.	Funding continued.	Nil
Congress Community	Financial Review.	Funding	\$3.4m**

Development and Education Unit – QLD.	Funds Administrator appointed.	withdrawn.	
Bendigo & District Aboriginal Co-operative – VIC	Financial Review.	Funding continued.	Nil
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation – NT.	Financial Review. Funds Administrator appointed.	Funding continued.	\$2m#
Central Australian Stolen Generation & Families Aboriginal Corporation - NT.	Financial and Organisational Review.	Funding continued.	Nil
Danila Dilba Biluru Butji Binnilutlum Health Service Aboriginal Corporation – NT	Financial Review. Funds Administrator appointed.	Funding continued.	\$183,367
Illawarra Aboriginal Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation - NSW.	Financial Review.	Funding continued.	Nil
Kalparrin Community Inc. – SA.	Financial Review.	Funding withdrawn.	\$183,360
KASH Aboriginal Corporation – QLD	Financial Review. Funds Administrator appointed.	Funding withdrawn.	\$1,830,062
Link-Up (NSW) Aboriginal Corporation - NSW.	Financial and Organisational Review.	Funding continued.	Nil
Malabam Health Board Aboriginal Corporation - NT.	Financial and Organisational Review.	Funding continued.	Nil
Pormpur Paanth Aboriginal Corporation - QLD.	Financial Review. Funds Administrator appointed.	Funding continued.	Nil
Queensland Aboriginal & Islander Health Council - QLD.	Financial Review.	Funding continued.	Nil
Queensland Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Education Program Aboriginal Corporation - QLD.	Financial Review.	Funding withdrawn.	\$109,259
Roy Thorne Substance Misuse Rehabilitation Centre Inc – NSW	Financial Review. Funds Administrator appointed.	Funding withdrawn.	\$135,717
Thubbo Aboriginal Medical Co-operative Ltd - NSW.	Financial Review. Funds Administrator appointed.	Funding withdrawn.	To be determined#
Tullawon Health Service Inc – SA	Financial and Organisational Review.	Funding continued.	Nil
Urapuntja Health Services Aboriginal Corporation - NT.	Financial and Organisational Review.	Funding continued.	Nil

\* An initial amount of \$1.08m was identified as recoverable but the amount was reassessed in light of additional information provided by the organisation.

\*\* Funds to be recovered from the organisation through a Deed of Company Arrangement.

# The actual amounts to be recovered from Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation and the Thubbo Aboriginal Medical Co-operative Ltd are still to be finalised.