

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013

Question: E13-240

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: Indian Clinical Trials – Total Overseas Cost

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

What amount of funding is spent on research or trials outside Australia?

Answer:

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) currently funds 390 clinical trials with grants totalling more than \$397 million. In 2012, NHMRC awarded 39 grants involving clinical trials of greater than \$1 million. Analysis of these grants indicates that 11 anticipate conducting part of the clinical trial overseas. However, once a grant commences, the expenditure is the responsibility of the Administering Institution and in order to obtain more comprehensive data, NHMRC would need to obtain such information from each grant holder.