

Senate Community Affairs Committee

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Question:

- a) Can you give a breakdown of recipients under the 2015-16 Department of Health and Ageing Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme?
- b) What deliverables are tied to such funding?
- c) What is the breakdown of Health Peak and Advisory Bodies funding recipients who have representatives on government reviews and panels?
- d) Can you also detail what additional funding for projects, programmes and other activities is supplied to any of these groups in addition to general funding allocated for their being Health Peak and Advisory Bodies?
- e) Do these Health Peak and Advisory Bodies also charge their members a fee to belong to these groups?

Answer:

- a) The following organisations secured funding under the open competitive tender process for the new Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme:
 - Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia
 - Allied Health Professions Australia Ltd
 - Asthma Australia Inc.
 - Australian Association of Practice Managers Ltd
 - Australian College of Nursing Ltd
 - Australian Federation of Aids Organisations Inc.
 - Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association
 - Continence Foundation of Australia Ltd
 - Consumers Health Forum of Australia
 - Haemophilia Foundation Australia
 - Hepatitis Australia Inc.
 - Lifeline Australia
 - Macular Disease Foundation Australia
 - Mental Health Australia Ltd
 - Metabolic Dietary Disorders Association

- National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS
 - National Rural Health Alliance Inc.
 - Palliative Care Australia Inc.
 - The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia Ltd
 - Public Health Association of Australia Inc.
 - Rural Doctors Association of Australia
 - Vision 2020 The Right to Sight Australia
- b) The Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme aims to provide the Australian Government with access to high quality health sector information to improve the capacity, quality and safety of Australia's health care system.

Peak organisations receiving funding under the Programme are expected to inform and support the Australian Government's health agenda through:

- effective consultation and information sharing with their members, the wider health sector, the community and the Australian Government;
 - functioning as a repository and source of sector knowledge and expertise;
 - providing well-informed and impartial advice to the Commonwealth within their area of expertise; and
 - providing education and training to medical practitioners working in the relevant part of the health sector to improve the quality of health services.
- c) A number of Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme funding recipients have representatives on government reviews and panels including the below:

- Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia
- Asthma Australia Inc.
- The Australian Federation of Aids Organisations Inc.
- Consumers Health Forum of Australia
- Hepatitis Australia Inc.
- The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia Ltd
- The Public Health Association of Australia Inc.
- Vision 2020 The Right to Sight Australia

- d) Recipients of the Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme are publicly listed in accordance with the Minchin motion. Recipients that have executed their funding agreements under the Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme before the grant listing reporting date of 17 January 2016 are listed in the 28 September 2015 to 17 January 2016 Grant Listing Report. The Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme recipients that currently receive funding for other activities are:

- Asthma Australia Inc. is receiving funding for the Asthma Australia-Adolescent and Child Asthma Program (ACAP) and the Community Support Program over the period of 2013-14 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$8,210,000 (GST Exclusive).
- The Australian Federation of Aids Organisations Inc. is receiving funding for Workforce Capacity development; social marketing; policy analysis, advice and advocacy;

stakeholder communication and media over the period of 2012-13 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$7,197,173 (GST Exclusive).

- Continenence Foundation of Australia Ltd is receiving funding for National Continenence Management Awareness over the period 2013-14 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$11,071,262 (GST Exclusive).
- The Hemophilia Foundation Australia is receiving core funding for blood and organ support services over the period of 2014-15 to 2016-17 for a total funding amount of \$670,310 (GST Exclusive).
- Lifeline Australia is receiving funding for:
 - Lifeline Crisis Line and information services over the period of 2012-13 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$23,550,000 (GST Exclusive); and
 - e-Mental Health Teleweb over the period of 2012-13 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$9,834,745 (GST Exclusive).
- The Macular Disease Foundation Australia is receiving funding for Capacity Building within Aged Care Services for the Delivery of High Quality Care - Eye Health and Age-Related Macular Degeneration over the period of 2014-15 to 2016-17 for a total funding amount of \$274,450 (GST Exclusive).
- Mental Health Australia Ltd is receiving funding for:
 - Leadership in Mental Health Reform over the period of 2014-15 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$1,547,274 (GST Exclusive);
 - World Mental Health Day over the period of 2014-15 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$1,225,000 (GST Exclusive); and
 - Mental Health in Multicultural Australia over the period of 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$854,488 (GST Exclusive).
- The National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS is receiving funding for improving access to HIV treatments, improving health and well-being, research and dissemination of information over the period of 2012-13 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$2,660,489 (GST Exclusive).

Recipients of the Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme that have executed their funding agreements post 17 January 2016, and that currently receive funding for other activities, are:

- The Australian College of Nursing Ltd is receiving funding for:
 - Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme over the period of 2012-13 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$60,741,164 (GST Exclusive); and
 - Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme over the period of 2012-13 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$13,525,560 (GST Exclusive).
- Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association is receiving funding for Palliative Care Training and Information Portal over the period of 2014-15 to 2016-17 for a total funding amount of \$966,965 (GST Exclusive).

- Hepatitis Australia Inc. is receiving funding for:
 - The Hepatitis B Education Project over the period of 2014-15 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$2,856,364; and
 - The National Viral Hepatitis Project – awareness and education over the period of 2012-13 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$3,519,055 (GST Exclusive).
- National Rural Health Alliance Inc. is receiving funding for:
 - Workforce continuing education and training over the period of 2009-10 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$4,510,125 (GST Exclusive);
 - Rural Australia Medical Undergraduate Scholarship over the period of 2009-10 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$26,815,621 (GST Exclusive);
 - Rural Australia Medical Undergraduate Scholarship over the period of 2009-10 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$13,607,727 (GST Exclusive); and
 - Secretariat Support – National Rural Health Alliance over the period of 2009-10 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$2,905,679 (GST Exclusive). This funding expires on 31 August 2016.
- Rural Doctors Association of Australia is receiving funding for secretariat support over the period of 2013-14 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$1,182,167 (GST Exclusive). This funding expires on 31 August 2016.
- Vision 2020 The Right to Sight Australia is receiving funding for national secretariat services in relation to eye health over the period of 2012-13 to 2015-16 for a total funding amount of \$3,622,493 (GST Exclusive). This funding expires on 30 June 2015.

Palliative Care Australia Inc. is a recipient of the Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme. Negotiations regarding their funding agreement are currently underway. Palliative Care Australia Inc. is currently receiving funding for Palliative Care National Programme Support over the period of 2014-15 to 2016-17 for a total funding amount of \$4,074,307 (GST Exclusive).

e) A number of Health Peak and Advisory Body Programme recipients charge memberships.

