

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Indigenous Australians Health Programme

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Moore, Claire

Question:

The 2015-16 MYEFO showed a \$78.6 million cut from the Indigenous Australians' Health Programme to fund the National Ice Taskforce. Provide detail on how this cut has been applied, over what period, and what programs or funding pools within the Indigenous Australians Health Programmes have been reduced or otherwise affected.

Answer:

Funding of \$78.6 million was provided from unallocated funds under the Indigenous Australians' Health Programme over a 3 year period: \$8.4 million in 2016-17, \$33.8 million in 2017-18 and \$36.4 million in 2018-19.

This funding will be applied to Indigenous-specific measures addressing methamphetamine use under the Government's response to the National Ice Taskforce report. The Government is working with Primary Health Networks and the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services to determine needs assessment and planning at the local level to direct culturally appropriate services.

The reallocation of funding does not affect existing core, front-line primary health care services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.