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Senator: Gallagher, Katy

Question:

Mr Cormack: Yes, we have completed a funding round for the Health Peak and Advisory Bodies programme funding, which is a reconfiguration of a different range of funds. We have completed an approach to the market. We have executed funding agreements with a number of those organisations. We are still negotiating final agreements with another 10. Obviously there were a number of applicants for that fund who did not succeed in getting funding under that round.

Senator GALLAGHER: This funding has come from the other flexible funds?

Mr Cormack: That is right.

Senator GALLAGHER: Across all 16 of them?

Mr Cormack: I will need to take on notice the precise sourcing of the former 16 and how it translates into this. That is the source of funds. We have completed a round within the new fund, which is the Health Peak and Advisory Bodies programme fund.

Senator GALLAGHER: What was the budget for the health peaks, the global?

Mr Cormack: I need to take that on notice. I can give you some idea of some of the funding outcomes for individuals.

Answer:

The Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme has been established to fund community organisations for activities that support national secretariat functions, consultation with members on policy and programme issues, information sharing on health policy, and the provision of informed and impartial advice to the Australian Government.

Total funding for the Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme is \$31.23 million (GST exclusive). Of this funding, \$6.56 million (GST exclusive) was committed in 2015-16 prior to the 2015 approach to market. This resulted in the availability of \$24.67 million (GST exclusive) in uncommitted funds.

Funding was made available from the following Flexible Funds:

- Health System Capacity Development Fund (\$22.71 million between 2015-16 and 2018-19);

- Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Grants Fund (\$1.52 million between 2015-16 and 2018-19); and
- Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund (\$0.44 million between 2015-16 and 2018-19).