

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**Topic:** LGBTI Health Alliance

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**Senator:** Simms, Robert

**Question:**

Senator SIMMS: In terms of a few more questions about this alliance, the National LGBTI Health Alliance is the only national organisation providing policy advice to the government on LGBTI health issues. The organisation has worked with the government across a range of issues, including ensuring equitable outcomes for transgender men who are accessing testosterone, improved data collection standards on sex or gender diverse people and advising on the implementation of government services. The loss of funding will result in gaps with regard to policy advice in this area. Does the department have a plan to deal with such critical policy advice now that they have ceased funding to this organisation?

**Answer:**

The National LGBTI Health Alliance was funded from a range of Department of Health programs in 2015-16, including under mental health and aged care programs.

It is currently anticipated that the Alliance will be funded to a similar level in 2016-17 and the organisation is aware of its expected funding position.