

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Preventive Health

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

What percentage of the health budget is currently spent on preventive health, for the 2016-17 financial year? How does that compare to previous governments?

Answer:

It is not possible to fully quantify funding on the Department of Health's prevention activities, as measures can have a broad remit. For example, preventive health can include guidance to clinicians, support for health service provision, support for the work of peak bodies and Non-Government Organisation groups, research and monitoring, and intervention and disease management components that cannot be disaggregated.