

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**Senator:** Watt, Murray

**Question:**

Can you please provide an update on Australia's progress in relation to the World Health Organisation's global action plan for preventing non-communicable diseases – specifically, how is Australia tracking on the 9 targets and 25 indicators of performance?

**Answer:**

Australia is working towards achieving the Global Monitoring Framework targets through national initiatives targeting non-communicable diseases and risk factors. A national approach requires coordinated effort through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) with proposed national targets and surveillance methods agreed between federal, state, and territory governments.

The National Healthcare Agreement was agreed by COAG and outlines national targets for a reduction in the prevalence of type 2 diabetes, increase in the proportion of adults and children at a healthy body weight, and reduction in the national smoking rate.

Australia has national data to provide benchmarks for the nine targets in the Global Monitoring Framework.

Australia is currently well placed to meet, or partially meet, the majority of the targets as they are consistent with existing Australian Government policy and priorities. Certain targets will require additional effort to be achieved by 2025 (compared to the 2010 reference period), based on National ABS data to 2015-16, such as a 10 per cent reduction in insufficient physical activity, or halting the rise in diabetes and obesity.

The Australian Government is currently working in partnership with states and territories, to develop indicators for the National Strategic Framework (the Framework) for Chronic Conditions (yet to be publicly released). The Framework recognises Australia's commitment to address non-communicable diseases in line with the World Health Organization Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases 2013-2020.