

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Alcohol and Other Drugs

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Can you provide an update on the specific measures implemented in the Ice Action Strategy to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander users, where there are reports of higher than average use of ice?

Answer:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Specific Measures:

- \$78.6 million of the \$241.5 million in funding for Primary Health Networks (PHNs) has been quarantined for culturally appropriate mainstream services and services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- Funding of \$1.1 million is being provided to expand the 'Positive Choices' online web-portal (www.positivechoices.org.au) to develop culturally appropriate prevention resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and to develop an integrated online intervention for students and parents to prevent alcohol and cannabis harms among adolescents.

This equates to approximately 32.5 per cent of National Ice Action Strategy funding for treatment services (\$241.5 million) to address the specific needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.