

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: Petrol Sniffing

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Senator: Senator Siewert

Question:

- a) You may not have that information with you, so could you provide on notice what the latest round of funding is under that specific program [petrol sniffing], not only to WA but to other states as well?
- b) I am particularly interested in the health services, to complement the rollout. Could you take that on notice.

Answer:

- a) The Petrol Sniffing Prevention Program (PSPP) outlines the Department of Health and Ageing's responsibilities under the Petrol Sniffing Strategy and is primarily focused on the rollout of low aromatic Opal fuel. Announced in the 2011-12 Budget and effective from 1 July 2011, funding for the PSPP was consolidated into the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund (the Fund).

Priority four under the Fund is 'Reducing the prevalence and impact of petrol sniffing by continuing to support the supply of low aromatic fuel to existing sites and expanding the rollout to sites in the Top End of the Northern Territory, East Kimberley in Western Australia and Gulf of Carpentaria and Cape York regions of Queensland'.

A total of \$115.86 million over five years commencing in 2011-12 has been allocated to priority four under the Fund.

Total Administered Funding – Combating Petrol Sniffing

	2011-12 (\$m)	2012-13 (\$m)	2013-14 (\$m)	2014-15 (\$m)	2015-16 (\$m)	Total (\$m)
Combating Petrol Sniffing	19.146	23.635	24.049	24.515	24.515	115.86

This allocation has been set aside to fund specific petrol sniffing projects delivered under PSPP including:

- the payment of fees to produce and distribute low aromatic fuel - these fees ensure that low aromatic fuel is made available to fuel retail sites and consumers at a price equivalent to regular unleaded petrol;
- establishing new bulk storage facilities to facilitate a comprehensive rollout of low aromatic fuel to sites in northern Australia;
- developing and implementing communication activities to support the ongoing rollout of low aromatic fuel;
- the collection of data on the prevalence of petrol sniffing; and
- a small number of targeted complementary prevention and diversion programs.

As such, the Fund's open grant round undertaken in late 2011 did not seek to award funding under priority four.

- b) Only a small portion of funding under priority four is provided to non-government organisations for targeted prevention and diversion programs to complement the rollout of low aromatic fuel.

The following table is a summary of programs funded under priority four. It should be noted that the majority of these were existing programs consolidated into the Fund on 1 July 2011. Funding provided prior to the commencement of the Fund has also been included.

Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund – Priority 4

Name	Project/Description	2009-10 (SGST excl)	2010-11 (SGST excl)	2011-12 (SGST excl)	2012-13 (SGST excl)	2013-14 (SGST excl)	Total (SGST excl)
Council for Aboriginal Alcohol Programs (CAAPS) - Youth Wellbeing Program	The CAAPS Youth Wellbeing Project, aims to increase the capacity of Indigenous communities affected by petrol sniffing to respond to and minimise the harm associated with petrol sniffing, decrease crime related to petrol sniffing and improve the social and emotional wellbeing of Indigenous communities.	219,680	676,683	453,636	-	-	1,349,999
Warlpiri Youth Aboriginal Development Corporation	Warlpiri Youth Aboriginal Development Corporation (formerly Mt Theo/Yuendumu Substance Misuse Aboriginal Corporation) aims to develop strength, health, meaningful pathways and leadership in Warlpiri youth. One aspect of the organisation's work is to reduce substance misuse (including petrol sniffing), specifically amongst Indigenous youth through the provision of funding to the Mt Theo Outstation. Funding is provided for: - An Outstation Support and Youth Diversion Coordinator position; - An Aboriginal Outstation Worker position; - Workplace development of staff enabling a counsellor to be engaged to provide support services to staff on a monthly basis; - Operational costs associated with an outstation vehicle.	-	-	221,412	221,412	221,412	664,236

Tangentyere Council – Central Australian Youth Link Up Service (CAYLUS) – Youth Wellbeing Program	The CAYLUS Youth Wellbeing Program provides education, prevention, diversionary and treatment activities to Indigenous communities in Central Australia with a focus on inhalant misuse including petrol sniffing.	992,628	1,202,841	1,392,186	1,265,274*	1,308,853*	6,161,782
Tangentyere Council – Eweyenper Atwatye (Hidden Valley) Community Centre	The Department provides funding to Tangentyere Council Inc. for the Hidden Valley Community Centre located in the Hidden Valley town camp. This centre aims to improve the health, social, environmental and economic well-being of the community in a way that strengthens and respects culture and was established to address the serious levels of petrol and other inhalant abuse in Alice Springs town camps.	254,207	276,534	313,682	361,502*	372,308*	1,578,233
Tangentyere Council – Yarrenyty-Arltere (Larapinta) Learning Centre	The Department provides funding to Tangentyere Council Inc. for the Larapinta Learning Centre located in the Larapinta town camp. This centre aims to improve the health, social, environmental and economic well-being of the community in a way that strengthens and respects culture and was established to address the serious levels of petrol and other inhalant abuse in Alice Springs town camps.	271,381	282,116	282,115	299,189*	306,669*	1,441,470

*The Department is close to finalising an agreement with Tangentyere Council to provide funding for two years from 1 July 2012 as outlined in the table above.

In addition, a number of drug and alcohol treatment and rehabilitation services which target youth are funded under other priorities of the Fund and the Non-Government Organisations Treatment Grants Program. Of these, two have a specific focus on addressing volatile substance use. The following table is a summary of these two programs.

Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund						
Organisation	State/Territory	Project/Description	2011-12 (\$GST excl)	2012-13 (\$GST excl)	2013-14 (\$GST excl)	Total (\$GST excl)
Milliya Rumurra Aboriginal Corporation	WA	Based in Broome, Kimberley. Provides outreach services to Derby and the Dampier Peninsula communities and operates a 26 bed rehabilitation facility and a state funded sobering up shelter which will work with youth and families. Milliya Rumurra has recently commented that they are receiving increasing volatile substance use referrals from Balgo and Fitzroy Crossing.	1,598,439	1,731,184	1,731,184	5,060,807
Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Program						
Organisation	State/Territory	Project/Description	2012-13 (\$GST excl)	2013-14 (\$GST excl)	2014-15 (\$GST excl)	Total (\$GST excl)
Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation	NT	<i>Young People's Project</i> - Funding is intended to: - provide outreach case work services to individuals and families affected by volatile substance misuse (VSM) and other substance misuse on NPY lands; - initiate early intervention and prevention programs to reduce the incidence and take up of VSM and other substance misuse; and - use a community development and action research methodology to address VSM and other substance misuse.	341,499	350,037	358,788	1,050,324