

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy

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Senator: Senator Siewert

Question:

You would be ware of the Yiriman project from KALACC in the Kimberley? Has any funding been allocated to their culturally based programs? You would be aware that they have had some very strong culturally based programs, and one of the criticisms of the way funding has been delivered in a lot of places, particularly in the Kimberley, has been that there are not enough culturally based programs being supported.

Answer:

For the period 2011-12 to 2012-13 funding of \$205,432 (GST ex) has been allocated through the National Suicide Prevention Program to a suicide prevention element of the wider Yiriman Project. The community based project aims to assist local 'at risk' Indigenous youth in a culturally appropriate manner through collaboration with the Fitzroy Valley community and other agencies to develop and provide culturally appropriate strategies to address issues of self-harm and suicide.