

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:

Could you take on notice to provide us with a full list of the funding for the Kimberley for the projects, because I am aware that there has been a series of announcements. So could you just give us a really clear list of what has been funded, by whom and how much [programs under the National Suicide Prevention Program and TATS].

Answer:

A total of up to \$1.9 million over 2011/12 to 2012/13 has been allocated for suicide prevention activities specific to the Kimberley region. This comprises:

- Up to \$1.3 million over 2011/12 to 2012/13 through the National Suicide Prevention Program (NSPP).
- Up to \$0.6 million in 2011/12 through the Taking Action to Tackle Suicide package (TATS).

The Kimberley will also benefit from three additional projects under the funding targeted at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suicide under the TATS package.

Details of these projects are at Attachment A.

In addition \$11.8 million over 2011/12 to 2012/13 has been allocated to broader social and emotional wellbeing and mental health initiatives that contribute to the suicide prevention effort. These initiatives are specific to the Kimberley region and include:

- Up to \$6.3 million from the Social and Emotional Wellbeing program for services targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples including family tracing and reunions, counselling and workforce support, training and development.
- Up to \$2.3 million through the Access to Allied Psychological Services (ATAPS) program. This includes funding provided in 2011/12 for the Kimberley Suicide Prevention Initiative.
- Up to \$1.6 million through the Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Areas (MHSRRA) program in the Kimberley region.
- Up to \$1.6 million to the headspace service located in the Kimberley.

Funding in the Kimberley

Suicide Prevention Funding

Program	Project Funding
National Suicide Prevention Program	\$0.2M (2011-12 – 2012-13) to the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre – Yiriman Project.
	\$1.1M (2011-12 – 2012-13) to StandBy Suicide Bereavement Service in the East and West Kimberley region.
Taking Action to Tackle Suicide	\$0.6M (2011-12) to VIBE Australia Suicide Prevention Project (Kimberley component) - Three Indigenous sports and entertainment events in the Kimberley. This is part of the broader VIBE project (see below).
National Projects that include a Kimberley component	
Taking Action to Tackle Suicide	\$0.24M (2011-12) - 'Deadly Thinking' project. Funding for national activity. The Australasian Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health will develop and deliver up to 8 train the trainer workshops to increase the number of trainers able to deliver <i>Deadly Thinking</i> workshops nationally, including the Kimberley region.
Taking Action to Tackle Suicide	\$0.09M (2011-12) - 'Who You, Which Way': Inter-Cultural Suicide Postvention and Communication Training. United Synergies Ltd will further enhance and trial the 'Who You, Which Way' train the trainer package, to see if a national roll out of the package is appropriate. This includes activity in the Kimberley.
Taking Action to Tackle Suicide	\$1.05M (2011-12) – VIBE Australia Suicide Prevention Project. The development of products such as the Move It Mob Style TV series 2 and Deadly Sounds radio program which will communicate suicide prevention messages to a national audience, including the Kimberley.