

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: Medicare Locals

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Senator: Senator McKenzie

Question:

- a) How much funding will the Loddon-Mallee-Murray Medicare Local receive?
- b) How much of that funding will be spent on actual service delivery?

Answer:

a)
The Loddon-Mallee-Murray Medicare Local is scheduled to receive the following funding.

Core Funding

Purpose: to support the establishment and ongoing operation of the Medicare Local, and meeting its Strategic Objectives.

Year	GST exclusive	GST inclusive
2011-12	\$746,009.16	\$820,610.07
2012-13	\$1,817,590.18	\$1,999,349.20
2013-14	\$1,966,149.37	\$2,162,764.31
TOTAL	\$4,529,748.71	\$4,982,723.58

Regionally Tailored Primary Health Care Initiatives through Medicare Locals Fund

Purpose: to provide flexible funding to Medicare Locals to respond to identified health needs in their community, and address the objectives and priority areas of the Fund.

Year	GST exclusive	GST inclusive
2012-13	\$780,730.05	\$858,803.06
TOTAL	\$780,730.05	\$858,803.06

Medicare Locals After Hours Program

Purpose: to improve access to effective face-to-face after hours primary health care services for all Australians.

Year	GST exclusive	GST inclusive
2011-12	\$80,000.00	\$88,000.00
2012-13	\$160,000.00	\$176,000.00
TOTAL	\$240,000.00	\$264,000.00

Improving Indigenous Access to Mainstream Primary Care

Purpose: to contribute to closing the gap in life expectancy by improving access to culturally sensitive mainstream primary care services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Year	GST exclusive	GST inclusive
2012-13	\$215,732.00	\$237,305.20
2013-14	\$218,603.00	\$240,463.30
TOTAL	\$434,335.00	\$477,768.50

Access to Allied Psychological Services

Purpose: to arrange mental health services provided by allied health professionals to assist GPs in the support of their patients through evidence based psychological theories.

Year	GST exclusive	GST inclusive
2011-12	\$137,572.61	\$151,329.87
2012-13	\$1,084,895.76	\$1,193,385.34
2013-14	\$1,184,400.58	\$1,302,840.64
TOTAL	\$2,406,868.95	\$2,647,555.85

b)

Medicare Locals are provided with core funding to support their operation. Core funding can also be used for service delivery. Medicare Locals are permitted to use a small portion of program funding for program administration costs, with the majority of funds committed to service delivery.