

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 2/3 June 2014**

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**OUTCOME:** 10 - Sport and Recreation

**Topic:** Realink Funding

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Siewert, Rachel

**Question:**

- a) Has Realink Australia's funding ceased?
- b) Why was Realink Australia's funding ceased?
- c) Is there funding for any other programs targeted at providing sport, recreation and arts opportunities to people who experience disadvantage in particular people experiencing mental illness, disability, homelessness, substance abuse, addiction, and social and economic hardship?

**Answer:**

a) and b)

Under arrangements established by the previous Government funding for the National Realink Programme terminated on 30 June 2014, with no funding provisioned in the Forward Estimates for the programme.

c)

The Australian Government is continuing to invest in sports participation through funding to the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). The ASC provides funding to recognised National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) to support grass roots participation in sport for adult and children, including those with a disability. In addition, the ASC provides funding to eight National Sporting Organisations for people with a Disability (NSODs) for a range of initiatives, including participation in specific disability sport activities.