

**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:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections

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

**Senator:** Brown, Carol

**Question:**

What is the quantum of funding available for each of HIV, Hepatitis C and Hepatitis B over each of the forward years? How much funding will be reduced due to the reduction of funds and freeze on indexation in the flexible funds?

**Answer:**

The forward budget estimate includes \$22.45 million over four years from 2013-14 for the Blood Borne Viruses (BBV) and Sexually Transmissible Infections (STI) Prevention Programme.

The Communicable Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Grant Flexible Fund (the Fund) also provides funding to support activities relating to HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, STI and BBV and STI in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The quantum of funding available for BBV and STI programmes in 2013-14 is \$15.68 million and in 2014-15 is \$17.7 million. The Australian Government is in the process of considering the funding available for the Fund for 2015-16 onwards.