

**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 quantum of funding is specifically allocated to raise awareness or for activities that raise awareness of BBVs and STIs?

**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.