

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Peris, Nova

Question:

Of the funding committed in 2012-13 for activities related to FASD, how much of that was expended and to which organisations for which specific activities?

Answer:

Funding for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) related activities in 2012-13 was as follows:

Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education

The Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) Health Professionals project committed \$150,000 (GST excl) in 2012-13 under a funding agreement and expenditure was \$150,000 (GST excl) in the same year.

FARE was funded to raise awareness of the National Health and Medical Research Centre Alcohol Guidelines among health professionals, with a particular focus on women during the prenatal period.

National Organisation for FASD

The National Organisation for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (NOFASD) – Funding Agreement committed \$252,053 (GST excl) in 2012-13 and expenditure was \$252,053 (GST excl).

NOFASD is funded to function as the peak body for FASD in Australia. Activities included raising awareness of FASD and support and advocacy on behalf of individuals and families and delivery of current evidence based information and training to service providers, parents and carers.

DrinkWise

DrinkWise Funding agreement committed \$181,818 (GST Excl) in 2012-13 and expenditure was \$181,818 (GST excl) in 2012-13.

DrinkWise was funded to promote the National Health and Medical Research Centre Alcohol Guidelines, and to progress activity to complement the industry voluntary labelling initiative on the risk of consuming alcohol during pregnancy.

National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre

National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC) Funding Agreement committed \$200,000 (GST excl) and expenditure was \$200,000 (GST Excl) in 2012-13.

NDARC was funded to develop a resource for the identification, management and if appropriate, referral of women who are pregnant and have a substance misuse problem.