

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Indigenous Health Cuts

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

How much funding has been cut from indigenous health programs over the forward estimates from the department of health?

Answer:

Reductions to the Indigenous health programs were identified in the 2014-15 Budget Paper No. 2, p185.

Overall funding levels for Indigenous health will continue to grow over the next four years. From 2014-15 to 2017-18, the Australian Government will invest \$3.1 billion in Indigenous specific health programmes and activities – an increase of over \$500 million compared to 2009-10 to 2012-13 (excluding funding through Medicare and access to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme).