

**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:** 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 from the whole of government?

**Answer:**

Reductions of \$121.8 million over 5 years (2013-14 to 2017-18) from the Department of Health Indigenous Australian's Health Programme were outlined in the 2014-15 Budget.

Questions of funding for Indigenous health programmes managed by other agencies are a matter for these agencies.

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 PBS).