

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Health Prevention

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

- a) What steps are being taken to progress the Government's commitment to the World Health Organization's Global monitoring framework and targets for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and in particular, how is the Government ensuring that it meets the target of a 25 per cent reduction in mortality rates from non-communicable diseases by 2025?
- b) Who will take responsibility for achieving this objective in light of the Government's closure of the Australian National Preventive Health Agency (ANPHA), an independent body which was established to drive preventive health policy and programs and which focused on the lifestyle risk factors associated with chronic disease?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Health is working with the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare to collect data to report against the Global monitoring framework and targets for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases.
- b) The Department will lead this activity and consult with the states and territories through the Community Care and Population Health Principal Committee.