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Senator: Moore, Claire

Question:

Can we get some information on notice in more detail around the Priority Driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme? You gave some really good information about partnerships and also the number of recipients this year. Can I get some more information of that kind on notice?

Answer:

- The Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme (PdCCRS) is an annual project grants scheme which brings together government and non-government organisations to fund national cancer research in areas of identified priority to help reduce the impact of cancer in the community and improve outcomes for all Australians affected by cancer.
- Through the PdCCRS, Cancer Australia partners with organisations to coordinate and maximise funding of cancer research at a national level. This relationship allows for a greater number of grants to be funded, as the funding for each grant is shared. The PdCCRS has helped to expand the available pool of funding for cancer research in Australia by attracting Funding Partners who may not have previously funded cancer research.
- The grants funded by the PdCCRS aim to support research: in tumour areas that place a high burden of disease on the Australian community; that directly relate to the identified priorities of Cancer Australia and/or its funding partners; and that can directly improve cancer outcomes by influencing clinical practice, policy and/or care.
- To date, 15 different organisations have partnered with Cancer Australia in the PdCCRS. This coordinated and centralised approach to funding of cancer research at a national level avoids potential duplication and leverages cancer research investment through co-funding of research in shared priority areas.
- During the last four rounds of the PdCCRS, Funding Partners have matched the Government's contribution at a ratio of approximately 1:1.

- PdCCRS Funding Partners have included Australian Rotary Health, beyondblue, Bowel Cancer Australia, Cancer Council Australia, Cancer Council NSW, Cancer Council Tasmania, CanTeen, Cure Cancer Australia Foundation, Leukaemia Foundation, Meat and Livestock Australia, National Breast Cancer Foundation, Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, Radiation Oncology and Optometry Section, Australian Government Department of Health, Starlight Children's Foundation of Australia, and The Kids' Cancer Project.
- Through the 2007 to 2014 rounds of the PdCCRS, a total of 267 grants have been awarded, with a total investment of \$92.67 million; \$53.62 million of this has been provided by Cancer Australia and \$39.05 million from the Funding Partners.
- *Current 2014 PdCCRS round*
The total value of grants offered in the 2014 PdCCRS round was \$9.69 million. Of this, Cancer Australia contributed \$5.62 million of funding and \$4.07 million of funding was contributed by Funding Partners.

The 2014 Funding Partners include: Cancer Council Australia, Cancer Council NSW, Cure Cancer Australia Foundation, National Breast Cancer Foundation, Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, and The Kids' Cancer Project.

- *2015 PdCCRS round*
The 2015 round of the PdCCRS is underway, with applications currently being assessed. It is anticipated that the successful grant recipients will be announced towards the end of 2015.