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Question:

Provide a list of organisations that were extended for six months from the 14 flexible funds that are in-scope for cuts, and if they were given indexation for that period

Answer:

All grants, including those under the Flexible Funds, are publicly reported on the Department of Health's website, in line with *Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines*. This report includes the Programme the grant is funded from, the grant participant (organisation), the grant purpose and key dates, whether it is a variation, the value of the variation and the value of the grant.

Attachment A provides the list of Flexible Funds and which Programme they fall under.

The Department's relationship with funded organisations are constantly moving through the various stages of the grant lifecycle, including negotiation, variation and the ongoing management of the grant. Across the Department's more than 13,000 grants, these changes are occurring daily. The Department's grant management system is not designed to track all the stages in the grant lifecycle in a manner that would accurately address the specifics of the question. To capture the information requested would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Indexation is applied at a grant level and not fund level. Some organisations may have received indexation on their funding.

Flexible Fund	Programme
Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Grants	Programme Group: 1.1 Public Health Chronic Disease And Palliative Care
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Health Protection Fund	Programme Group: 9.1 Health Emergency Planning and Response
Health Social Surveys Fund	Programme Group: 1.1 Public Health Chronic Disease And Palliative Care
Health Surveillance Fund	Programme Group: 7.4 Research Capacity And Quality
Health System Capacity Development Fund	Programme Group: 7.2 Health Information
Health Workforce Fund	Programme Group: 8.1 Workforce And Rural Distribution
Indigenous Australian Health Programme	Programme Group: 5.3 Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Health
Medical Indemnity Insurance Fund	Programme Group: 3.4 Medical Indemnity
Practice Incentives for General Practices	Programme Group: 5.2 Primary Care Practice Incentives
Quality Use of Diagnostics Therapeutics and Pathology Fund	Programme Group: 7.4 Research Capacity And Quality
Regionally tailored primary care initiatives through Medicare Locals Fund	Programme Group: 5.1 Primary Care Financing, Quality And Access
Rural Health Outreach Fund	Programme Group: 5.5 Rural Health Services
Single Initial Point of Contact Telephone Advice and Counselling	Programme Group: 5.1 Primary Care Financing, Quality And Access
Substance Misuse Prevention and Service Improvement Grants	Programme Group: 1.2 Drug Strategy
Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants	Programme Group: 1.2 Drug Strategy