

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 1 – 2 June 2015

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OUTCOME: 8 - Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: Puggy Hunter Scholarship Scheme

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Brown, Carol

Question:

- a) Who currently administers the Puggy Hunter Scholarship Scheme?
- b) Does this organisation have a presence in indigenous communities?
- c) Will a new administrator be required to have a presence in Indigenous communities?
- d) What requirements will be specified for the administrator of the Health Workforce Scholarships to ensure the intent of the Puggy Hunter Scholarship Scheme continues to be met?
- e) Will the administration of this new scholarship be managed via a open tender?
- f) If not, what process will be used to select the successful administrator?
- g) When will this tender process take place?

Answer:

- a) The Australian College of Nursing.
- b) The Department has no information about the College's presence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- c) No.
- d) The open approach to market will require an administrator to seek applications from and allocate scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people undertaking health studies.
- e) Yes.
- f) Not applicable.
- g) It will commence in 2015.