

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Chronic Disease Programs

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

How will the Government/Department ensure the Aboriginal workforce, recruited through the ICDP, maintain their jobs and skills within the sector?

Answer:

A number of activities that were originally funded under the Indigenous Chronic Disease Package (ICDP)/Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Chronic Disease Fund are continuing under the Indigenous Australians' Health Programme. These include Tackling Indigenous Smoking, Care Coordination and Supplementary Services, and Improving Indigenous Access to Mainstream Primary Care.

It is expected that organisations receiving funding for these programmes will provide opportunities for staff recruited through the ICDP to continue their employment, however that remains a business decision for those organisations.