

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Indigenous Suicide

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Sterle, Glenn

Question:

The Kimberley Roundtable Report within the ATSIPEP processes states as follows: “Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participants strongly supported existing programs that work such as on-country programs, mentoring and youth leadership should be adequately invested in and “rolled-out wherever possible”. Participants expressed the need for Governments to invest in Aboriginal-led social and emotional wellbeing approaches in programs.” What actions is the Government taking to adequately invest in existing on – country programs in the Kimberley, such as the Yiriman Project, and when will the Government respond to the 2010 Yiriman Business Plan?

Answer:

The Department of Health funded the Yiriman Project as part of the National Suicide Prevention Program from 2008/09 to 2015/16.

As part of the renewed approach to suicide prevention, regional approaches to suicide prevention are being implemented by Primary Health Networks (PHNs). From 1 July 2016, PHNs assumed responsibility for commissioning regionally appropriate mental health and suicide prevention services in consultation with Local Hospital Networks, Indigenous specific providers and other local organisations.

The Yiriman project is currently funded by Western Australia Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) for \$269,000 over 2 years (2016/17 to 2017/18) and by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for \$275,000 each year over three years (2015/16 to 2017/18).

Please refer to the response provided to Question on Notice SQ17-000673 for information regarding the Yiriman Business Plan.