

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: National Ice Strategy

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Senator: Kakoschke-Moore, Skye

Question:

Regarding the \$54 million from the National Ice Action Strategy that has been set aside for non-treatment services, what will those services be, and how much funding in total has been allocated to each?

Answer:

Of the \$298.2 million (over four years from 1 July 2016):

- \$241.5 million in funding for Primary Health Networks (PHNs) to commission further drug and alcohol treatment services to meet local need.

The remainder of the funding is \$56.7 million, and is allocated as follows:

- \$24.9 million to support communities to deliver locally-based and tailored ice prevention and education activities. This includes \$19.2 million to establish up to 220 Local Drug Action Teams, \$1.1 million for the expansion of the positive choices online portal and \$4.6 million for the expansion of the Good Sports Program.
- \$13 million to introduce new Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items for addiction medicine specialists (available from 1 November 2016).
- \$10.7 million to support clinical research into new treatment options, training of professionals and evaluating the effectiveness of clinical care for those using methamphetamines. This includes \$8.8 million for a new Centre for Excellence for the Clinical Management of Emerging Drugs of Concern research body with the remainder allocated to expansion of an early intervention tool and development of evidence-based guidelines.
- \$8.1 million to more broadly improve our data sources on emerging trends in ice and other illicit drug use patterns, treatment options and early identification of newly emerging drug threats.