

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

The National Ice Action Strategy Performance report (which will contain information about client services data relating to PHN Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program funded under the NIAS) is due on 30 September 2017.

- a) Is this still the expected due date for the performance report?
- b) Which PHNs will contribute client service data to the report?
- c) What other information will be contributed to the report?
- d) Will this report be made public?
- e) What will the Department do with the report?
- f) Are there repercussions if PHNs do not provide the data requested by the Department? If so, what are the repercussions?
- g) Are PHNs required to meet KPIs in relation to the NIAS funding they receive?
- h) If so, will the performance of each PHN against their KPIs be contained in the report?

Answer:

- a) PHNs are due to submit their 12-month Performance Report to the Department for their Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program by 30 September 2017.

PHN Performance Reports are separate from the reporting mechanisms in place for measuring the *National Ice Action Strategy* (NIAS) program of work more broadly.

- b) Data on treatment service use levels (number and rate of clients, episodes) will be collected and submitted by PHN-commissioned service providers using the existing reporting mechanisms in place for the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services National Minimum Dataset (AODTS-NMDS). All service providers delivering a service that falls within the parameters for the AODTS-NMDS annual reporting are required to submit data to the AIHW.

- c) The 12 Month Performance Report will include qualitative information on the planned activities set out in the approved Drug and Alcohol Treatment Activity Work Plan.

- d) No.

e) The Department uses the 12 Month Performance Report to assess whether the Activities have been undertaken in accordance with the intentions of the funding, as set out in *Annexure A2: Drug and Alcohol Treatment* of the PHN Grant Program Guidelines.

f) The milestone will not be considered to be met until the Department accepts the Performance Report. As outlined in the Department of Health *Enterprise Terms and Conditions for Standard Funding Agreements*, where an organisation has not met a milestone for an Activity as specified in the Schedule, the Department may withhold, in whole or part, the grant funds remaining payable under this Agreement for the Activity until such time (if any) that the Milestone is completed to the Department's satisfaction.

g) Yes. A set of mandatory KPIs for the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program have been developed by the Department, in consultation with drug and alcohol sector experts, to monitor the Commonwealth's investment in PHN-commissioned drug and alcohol treatment.

h) The 12 Month Performance Report forms part of PHN reporting against the mandatory KPIs. Information relating to service utilisation (treatment episodes) will be collected by commissioned service providers and analysed by the AIHW as part of the AODTS-NMDS. The AODTS-NMDS for 2016-17 will be due to be published in late 2017-18. Using these two data sources, the Department will be able to assess individual PHN performance against their KPIs.