

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Public Health Expenditure Reporting

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Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

The last report on public health expenditure was released by the AIHW in February 2011, reporting on 2008-09 data. Why are these reports no longer being published?

b) Can you please provide the Public health expenditure per person for the 2009-10 - 2015-16 financial years inclusive?

c) Can you please provide the Public health expenditure per person in each state and territory for the 2009-10 - 2015-16 financial years inclusive?

d) Can you please provide the Public health expenditure as a proportion of total recurrent health expenditure for the 2009-10 - 2015-16 financial years inclusive?

Answer:

- a) In 2011, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's (AIHW) National Public Health Expenditure Project, which incorporated publication of the *Public health expenditure in Australia* report series, was halted pending a review commissioned by the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council's Australian Population Health Development Principal Committee. The review recommended the National Public Health Expenditure Project cease and, as a consequence, the *Public health expenditure in Australia* report series ceased. The project had been funded by the Department of Health.

Although the *Public health expenditure in Australia* series has not been continued, some public health expenditure information is available from the AIHW's *Health expenditure Australia* series. The figures below represent expenditure on public health services by the Australian Government, state and territory governments and local government authorities and by the major non-government contributors of funding for health care, such as Health Insurance Funds and Individuals. Data for 2015-16 will be available in late 2017. Note the data below are not directly comparable with estimates from the *Public health expenditure in Australia* report series because of differences in scope.

b) and c)

Public health expenditure per person, constant prices, for each state and territory and Australia, 2009–10 to 2014–15 (\$)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
NSW	84	82	91	92	95	97
Vic	87	87	97	91	90	95
Qld	114	96	103	77	77	78
WA	105	109	128	112	105	103
SA	129	112	129	122	114	109
Tas	134	112	125	104	96	78
ACT	160	149	157	127	122	117
NT	517	541	538	518	624	679
Australia	103	98	108	98	99	100

Source: AIHW health expenditure database.

d) Public health expenditure as a proportion of total recurrent health expenditure, constant prices, 2009–10 to 2014–15 (%)

Year	Public health expenditure as % of total recurrent health expenditure (Constant prices)
2009-10	1.8
2010-11	1.6
2011-12	1.7
2012-13	1.6
2013-14	1.6
2014-15	1.6

Source: AIHW health expenditure database.