

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

What allocation is made by the government for administration costs of each Primary Health Network?

Answer:

Operational funding is provided to each Primary Health Network (PHN) for its core program functions. These functions go beyond business administration.

The core functions of the PHN include all elements of the commissioning cycle: understanding health care needs of the region through analysis, assessment and planning, design and procurement of activities through contracts, monitoring of service delivery and review and evaluation. The PHN also provides practice support services in attaining high standards in safety and quality in primary care, building capability and connectivity of digital health systems and primary care system transformation and integration. Operational funding is also provided for the support of governance structures (which include a skills based board as well as Clinical Councils and Community Advisory Committees) and all corporate support and administration activity.

The allocation of funding is specific to each PHN and based on geographical characteristics such as the number of GPs in the region, population and rurality.

A breakdown of core operational funding by PHN is in the table below.

PHN	Core Operational Funding 2015-16	Core Operational Funding 2016-17	Core Operational Funding 2017-18
Central and Eastern Sydney	\$4,380,700	\$4,455,172	\$4,535,365
Northern Sydney	\$3,438,000	\$3,496,446	\$3,559,382
Western Sydney	\$3,485,400	\$3,544,652	\$3,608,456
Nepean Blue Mountains	\$2,409,000	\$2,449,953	\$2,494,052
South Western Sydney	\$3,663,200	\$3,725,474	\$3,792,533
South Eastern New South Wales	\$3,905,900	\$3,972,300	\$4,043,802
Western New South Wales	\$3,401,700	\$3,459,529	\$3,521,800
Hunter New England and Central Coast	\$5,079,100	\$5,165,445	\$5,258,423
North Coast	\$3,558,600	\$3,619,096	\$3,684,240
Murrumbidgee	\$2,205,100	\$2,242,587	\$2,282,953
North Western Melbourne	\$4,526,400	\$4,603,349	\$4,686,209
Eastern Melbourne	\$4,267,100	\$4,339,641	\$4,417,754
South Eastern Melbourne	\$4,381,100	\$4,455,579	\$4,535,779
Gippsland	\$2,022,200	\$2,056,577	\$2,093,596
Murray	\$4,253,900	\$4,326,216	\$4,404,088
Western Victoria	\$4,211,300	\$4,282,892	\$4,359,984
Brisbane North	\$3,485,600	\$3,544,855	\$3,608,663
Brisbane South	\$3,619,800	\$3,681,337	\$3,747,601
Gold Coast	\$3,027,600	\$3,079,069	\$3,134,492
Darling Downs and West Moreton	\$3,824,300	\$3,889,313	\$3,959,321
Western Queensland	\$3,491,181	\$1,927,215	\$1,961,905
Central Queensland, Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast	\$4,603,300	\$4,681,556	\$4,765,824
Northern Queensland	\$5,046,100	\$5,131,884	\$5,224,258
Adelaide	\$4,120,800	\$4,190,854	\$4,266,289
Country South Australia	\$5,528,300	\$4,696,811	\$4,781,354
Perth North	\$3,415,100	\$3,473,157	\$3,535,674
Perth South	\$3,311,000	\$3,367,287	\$3,427,898
Country Western Australia	\$5,301,100	\$5,391,219	\$5,488,261
Tasmania	\$3,948,300	\$4,015,421	\$4,087,699
Northern Territory	\$3,220,100	\$3,274,842	\$3,333,789
Australian Capital Territory	\$2,325,700	\$2,365,237	\$2,407,811
Total	\$117,456,981	\$116,904,964	\$119,009,253