

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Suicide Prevention

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Griff, Stirling

**Question:**

Is there as yet any reporting requirement for PHNs on the implementation of the National Suicide Prevention Strategy?

**Answer:**

The Australian Government provides funding to Primary Health Networks (PHNs) to plan and commission regionally appropriate suicide prevention services as part of the National Suicide Prevention Strategy. This includes a requirement for PHNs to commission culturally appropriate suicide prevention services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

PHNs are required to provide the Department of Health with details of their commissioning activities in biannual performance reports and participate in relevant program evaluation activities.