

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

- a) Early results from Queensland's PrEP trial have shown a 16 percent reduction in new HIV cases (48 notifications in April 2017 compared with 57 in 2016). Has the department considered rollout of this trial nationally? If not, why not?
- b) What HIV prevention strategies are federally funded?

Answer:

- a) The decision to provide funding to implement state-based PrEP trials was made by individual jurisdictions and the sustainability or expansion of current trials is also the responsibility of individual jurisdictions. The Commonwealth is currently monitoring the implementation of jurisdictional trials for PrEP through the Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections Standing Committee of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee.
- b) Funding for national Blood Borne Viruses (BBV) and Sexually Transmissible Infections (STI) prevention activities is provided through the Health Protection Program (HPP). This program's priorities are to provide funding to:
 - support education programs and other public health measures/programs on prevention, testing, treatment, management and care of BBV and STI;
 - reduce the transmission of, and morbidity and mortality caused by BBV and STI; and
 - minimise the personal and social impact of BBV and STI in accordance with the BBV and STI National Strategies 2014-2017.