

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-226

OUTCOME 8: Indigenous Health

Topic: GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMONWEALTH FUNDED
ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONTROLLED HEALTH SERVICES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Adams asked:

How much detail is provided in the financial reporting to the Commonwealth? For example, the office of Mr Andrew Laming has received advice that Yura Yungi Aboriginal Medical Service has spent \$280 per night for accommodation for a Locum Remote Area Nurse. Is this considered value for money?

Answer:

Funded organisations provide the Department with the following financial reports:

- the audited Financial Report, the Auditor's Report and Other Financial Information;
- the Audit Management Letter;
- the organisation's response to the Audit Management Letter;
- a Certificate signed by the Chief Executive Officer and an authorised Board member regarding the use of the funds; and
- a detailed statement of income and expenditure of funds every six months.

Very remote regions such as the Kimberley have a high cost of living. The cost of accommodation is expected to be high for this reason and is also impacted by the limited choice available.