

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 21 October 2011

Question: E11-227

OUTCOME 8: Indigenous Health

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

Senator Adams asked:

What are the KPIs for funding allocated to specific positions (i.e. primary health, SEWB, core - refer to page 6 of letter to Snowdon)?

Answer:

The breakdown of funding shown in the letter to Minister Snowdon is incorrect. In 2011-12, 82 per cent of the organisation's funding is going to primary health care; 13 per cent is for child and maternal health programs; 2 per cent for Closing the Gap initiatives; and 3 per cent for social and emotional wellbeing.

There are no Key Performance Indicators for specific positions. Rather, KPIs are identified in the organisation's Action Plan and focus on service delivery. For example, for primary health care services, the KPIs consider how many of the medical positions are filled by qualified staff; the hours of operation at the different clinics and the numbers of patients seen; and the range of community health services and health promotion activities conducted.