

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 8: Indigenous Health

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

Written Question on Notice

Senator Adams asked:

What oversight does the Commonwealth have over the staffing allocations for ACCHSs? Are there any reporting obligations? For example, the Yura Yungi AMS has recently appointed a special projects coordinator. Is this consistent with the funding guidelines and overall objectives for the ACCHS?

Answer:

Each Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service (ACCHS) that receives funding through the Commonwealth is required to provide an organisational chart which identifies staff funded using Commonwealth funds, and a budget showing the use of funds, for approval by the Commonwealth.

In the case of Yuri Yunga, although there is no Special Projects Coordinator position, the Action Plan identifies an IT/Projects position. ACCHS' primary health care base funding includes a component for ICT/IM functions.