

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PREVENTIVE HEALTH AGENCY OUTCOMES  
AND SMOKING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) The Strategic plan, in “Outcomes for ANPHA by 2015” refers to “significant growth”, can the ANPHA quantify what “significant” means? Is this 10 per cent, 50 per cent etc?
- b) For example, in the section titled “Outcomes for ANPHA by 2015” one of the goals is “the prevalence of daily smoking has continued to decline annually”. Considering this target will be met based on current trends over previous years, can this really be considered a target?

Answer:

- a) The term “significant” is used in the outcomes section of the Australian National Preventive Health Agency (ANPHA) Strategic Plan 2011-2015 in the context of ANPHA contributing to significant growth in the number of workplaces and schools adopting healthy lifestyle or health promotion programs for schools and students, respectively. The term “significant” is used to identify the level of growth desired, in contradistinction to marginal or small or negligible growth.
- b) ANPHA is part of the national effort and contributing to the goals set by COAG in the National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health.