

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 17 & 19 October 2012

Question: E12-186

OUTCOME 8: Indigenous Health

Topic: INDIGENOUS EXPENDITURE

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Senator: Senator Scullion

Question:

Please indicate whether the programs and measures listed below are still operating in 2012-13. If they are still operating, please provide by program/measure the current allocation and expenditure year to date (please indicate in respect of any of these programs/measures if information has already been provided):

- New directions, Mothers & Babies
- Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program
- New Directions Rheumatic Fever Strategy
- Child and Maternal Health Program
- Combating Petrol Sniffing
- Petrol Sniffing Diversion - Youth Wellbeing
- Healthy for Life
- Improving Eye and Ear Health Services
- Indigenous Chronic Disease Package
- Compactly Building in Indigenous Communities
- Tough on Drugs
- Substance Use COAG
- Indigenous Tobacco Control Initiative
- Link up
- COAG Mental Health
- Indigenous Health Training Post
- Aboriginal Health Training
- National Indigenous Workforce Training
- NHMRC Indigenous Research Grants
- National ATSI Age Care Program
- TSRA Healthy Communities
- Indigenous Sports and Recreation Programs

Answer:

Please see the attached table.

Program Name/Measure	Are they still operating?	2012-13 Budget- Current Allocation (GST Exc)	Expenditure (GST Exc, Year to Date- 30 Sept, 2012)	Has information already been provided at the October 2012 Senate Estimates hearing?
New Directions, Mothers & Babies	Yes	\$32.7m	\$7.6m	No
Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program	Yes	\$7m	\$1m	No
New Directions Rheumatic Fever Strategy	Yes	Through the COAG Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations (IGA) total funding of \$2,523,000 for 2012-2013 is available to Qld, NT and WA through Project Agreements for the Rheumatic Fever Strategy (RFS).	Nil	Yes
Child and Maternal Health Program	There is no program by this name	n/a	n/a	n/a
Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund includes the below three measures/programs: (refer to note 1)				
1) Combating Petrol Sniffing	Yes	\$134.6m	\$19.9m	No
2) Petrol Sniffing Diversion - Youth Wellbeing	Yes	\$41.4m	\$7.1m	No
3) Substance Use COAG	Yes	\$9m	\$2m	No
Healthy for Life	Yes	\$286.2m	\$53.1m	No
Improving Eye and Ear Health Services	Yes	n/a	n/a	n/a
Indigenous Chronic Disease Package	No (Ceased)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Capacity Building in Indigenous Communities	No (Ceased)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tough on Drugs	Yes	\$12.4m	\$2.3m	No
Indigenous Tobacco Control Initiative	Yes	\$138m	\$28.8m	No
Link up	Yes	\$2.1m	\$1m	No
COAG Mental Health	Yes			
Indigenous Health Training Post	Yes			
Aboriginal Health Training	This program is part of the 'Improving Eye and Ear Health Services' measure	n/a	n/a	n/a
National Indigenous Workforce Training	Yes	\$30.7m	\$28.2m	No
National ATSI Age Care Program	Yes	\$25.4m	\$5.5m	No
TSRA Healthy Communities	Yes	\$6.2m	\$0.4m	No
Indigenous Sports and Recreation Programs (refer to Note 2)	Yes	\$18.2m	\$3.5m	No

<p>NHMRC Indigenous Research Grants</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>NHMRC grants are investigator initiated research, awarded following assessment through rigorous peer review processes. There is no specific funding allocated to a 'program', other than NHMRC's commitment to expend more than 5% of the Medical Research Endowment Account on research to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.</p> <p>Grants are identified as having a connection with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research through search of the Chief Investigator provided keyword and titles contained in the NHMRC research database.</p> <p>Open grants receive funding from the year following their announcement by Government and will be funded for 3 to 5 years. Commitments made by the Government in 2012 will start to receive payment in 2013, or in the case of NHMRC Program Grants, 2014.</p>	<p>\$12,137,177 over 185 open grants</p>	<p>No</p>
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Notes

- 1-Funding for *Combating Petrol Sniffing, Petrol Sniffing Diversion - Youth Wellbeing* and *Substance Use COAG* were consolidated into the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund on 1 July 2011. The values provided represent the total for the fund, which includes programs other than these three.
- 2-The Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program (ISRP) was merged with the Job Creation Package in 2012/13 and the \$18.182 million includes the JCP allocation of \$3.473 million. The ISRP has been renamed the Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Program.