

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 16, 21 October 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Funding of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME)

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**Senator:** Ludlam, Scott

**Question:**

NHMRC funding and description of what sort of research is being funded for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome?

**Answer:**

Since 2000, the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) provided funding for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME)/ Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) research totaling approximately \$2.4 million. During that time, 22 applications seeking ME/CFS funding were submitted to NHMRC. Of these, six applications (27 per cent) were awarded funding. The majority of funded research has been/is focused on the clinical diagnosis and treatment of ME/CFS.