

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 – Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Alzheimer's Australia

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

- a) The Government recently awarded Alzheimer's Australia \$3.9 million in funding over three years. Has this \$3.9 million been paid to Alzheimer's Australia?
- b) If so, when was it paid to them?
- c) When was the decision made to allocate the funding?
- d) What application process was used for the allocation?
- e) Where was the money awarded to Alzheimer's Australia allocated from?
- f) Was it from another unrelated area in health, for example Indigenous health?
- g) All the programs listed have already been established and funded – what new national programs are to be funded and what groups currently not engaged in Dementia Friendly Communities projects will this money be targeted towards?

Answer:

- a) Yes.
- b) 23 June 2016.
- c) 5 May 2016.
- d) Alzheimer's Australia submitted an unsolicited proposal which was assessed and approved in accordance with the guidelines for the Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund.
- e) Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund.
- f) No.
- g) This grant provided seed funding of \$3.9 million over 3 years to June 2019 to Alzheimer's Australia for the Dementia Friendly Communities initiative, comprising \$3 million for a Dementia Friends project and \$0.9 million for a dementia-friendly community resource hub. It is an educative, community awareness raising program which gives people a greater understanding of dementia and all the small things that can be done to make a real difference to people living with the condition. It will create a nationally consistent approach, to leverage and build on existing local initiatives and pilots.