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QUESTION No.: SI-78

In relation to item 3.13, the RAP says that research funding has assisted in improving the health, wellbeing, educational and employment outcomes of participating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

1. Please specify these improvements.
2. Please provide examples.

ANSWER

1 -2 Assistance has been provided through the Cooperative Research Centres (CRCs) Programme:

- CRC for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (CRC-ATSIH) examples:
 - the continued roll out of a national platform for collaboration in cancer research and the delivery of services to support people with cancer and their families through the National Indigenous Cancer Network (NICaN).
 - progress to human trials of a newly developed vaccine for Group A Streptococcus which could significantly reduce the occurrence of a range of diseases and chronic conditions prevalent in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- CRC for Remote Economic Participation (CRC-REP) examples:
 - a customised database linking artists, country and stories through the Aboriginal Cultural Enterprise project which maps paintings in Spinifex country using helicopter and land-based expeditions.
 - the development of a Precision Pastoral Management System for trial in commercial cattle stations to transform remote businesses.