

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Sector Infrastructure

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Senator: Siewert Rachel

Question:

Age, growth and future projected need have put Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector infrastructure under considerable stress. What plans are in place to ensure the sustainability of this important part of the Australian Health system?

Answer:

The Department of Health regularly allocates funding for improvements, repairs and maintenance to address the capital infrastructure needs of the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector. An assessment process is undertaken, where an internal panel considers and prioritises proposals and applications. Proposals are placed into broad priority categories for progression as funding becomes available.

More broadly, the Department also advertises grant funding programmes on its website or, in some cases, specifically targets the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector.