

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 8 - Indigenous Health

Topic: Aboriginal Ear Health Programs and Equipment

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert Rachel

Question:

How much money does the Australian Government spend annually on Aboriginal ear health programs and equipment?

Answer:

In 2012-13 the Australian Government spent approximately \$20 million on a range of Aboriginal ear health programmes including through the Closing the Gap – Improving Eye and Ear services for Indigenous Australians measure, the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Hearing Health programme and the Community Service Obligations component of the Hearing Services Programme. Approximately \$1.2 million was spent on the supply and maintenance of equipment. Ear health is also a component of primary health care delivery which sees funding to around 250 organisations to deliver comprehensive primary care to Aboriginal Australians.