

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Indigenous Health

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Senator: McLucas Jan

Question:

The Government has indicated that a decision not to renew the National Partnership on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health was made at the last meeting of COAG on 13 December 2013. The Government has not made a formal decision on commitment to the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023.

- a. What is the Government's long term plan for Indigenous health?
- b. How will the Government ensure a nationally coordinated approach to Closing the Gap in Indigenous health with commitments from States and Territories?

Answer:

a) and b)

The Government is committed to working in partnership with states and territories and with the Indigenous and mainstream health sector to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and is actively considering future strategies.