

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

The Government recently announced \$1.4 billion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services.

- a) What was this funding for?
- b) Where was this funding drawn from?
- c) What services and programs are supported by this funding?
- d) What was the total annual funding amount for Aboriginal Health Services for each of the previous three financial years?
- e) Has the Government negotiated contracts with service providers? If so, provide a list of services and their respective contracted funding amounts.

Answer:

- a) Funding was provided for delivery of primary health care and child and maternal health services by a range of relevant organisations including Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.
- b) This funding is drawn from the Indigenous Australians' Health Programme.
- c) Refer to answer at a).
- d) Total funding provided to Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services by the Department of Health in previous years was:
 - 2011-12: \$391.015 million
 - 2012-13: \$433.955 million
 - 2013-14: \$487.234 million

Note: this includes programme elements which are now under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

- e) No.