

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Tackling Smoking and Healthy Lifestyles Review

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

The Tackling Smoking and Healthy Lifestyles Review has now been completed.

- a) Advise what the review found and what recommendations were made.
- b) Will the Review be made publicly available?
- c) What actions has the Department taken in response to the review?
- d) Has the recruitment freeze been lifted, and if not, when is it expected to be lifted?
- e) With funding expiring on 31 March, advise what funding will be provided to support the continuation of the program.
- f) Confirm what the 2015-16 program save will be and where that save will be applied.

Answer:

- a) The Government is currently considering the outcomes of the review. Advice regarding the outcomes of the review will be communicated to stakeholders once the Government has considered the review.
- b) The decision about the release of the review is a matter for Government.
- c) Actions in response to the Review will commence once the Government has completed its deliberations.
- d) The recruitment freeze will remain in place until the Government has completed its deliberations and any consequent changes to programme arrangements are implemented.
- e) Funding is committed to support the Regional Tackling Smoking and Healthy Lifestyle teams to 30 June 2015. The Department of Health is offering variations to funding agreements to extend arrangements to 30 June 2015.
- f) Funding for the Tackling Indigenous Smoking Programme in 2015-16 is subject to the outcome of the review.