

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Funding for Indigenous Teenagers Sexual Health Programmes

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Senator: Peris, Nova

Question:

Are you able to actually table the costing of every program you are aware of which is targeted specifically for culturally specific sexual health services to ATSI teenagers and the year to which the funding is scheduled?

Answer:

Sexual and reproductive health services are primarily a state and territory responsibility. The Australian Government works in partnership with the states and territories through the Fourth National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Blood-Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections Strategy 2014-2017.

The Australian Government is providing \$5.77m (GST exclusive) in 2015-16 under the Indigenous Australians' Health Programme to reduce the incidence and prevalence of blood borne viruses (BBVs) and sexually transmissible infections (STIs) in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. A number of these projects include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teenagers as a priority client group.

In addition, up to \$9.52m over two years from 2016-17 to 2017-18 is available through the Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections Prevention and Education Programme for targeted activities to reduce the rates of BBVs and STIs. The priority populations in scope for this funding are Aboriginal and Torres Islander people and young people aged 30 years and under. An open and competitive Invitation to Apply was released on 23 November 2015 and closed on 19 January 2016. Applications are currently being assessed.