

Senate Finance and Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 22 November 2013

Question: E13-205

OUTCOME: 8 - Indigenous Health

Topic: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-23

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas

Question:

- a) Is the Government committed to the implementation of the Health Plan?
- b) Where in Government and who has the responsibility for the NATSIHP and the development of an implementation strategy?
- c) What steps have been taken towards the development of this implementation strategy?
- d) What is the timeline for implementation?
- e) How much funding has been allocated to implement this NATSIHP?
- f) What consultation has taken place since the election to develop implementation strategy and who has been consulted?

Answer:

- a) The Government is currently considering the next steps in relation to the Health Plan and its implementation.
- b) This matter is being led by the Assistant Minister for Health, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, in consultation with the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion. Administration of the Health Plan lies with the Department of Health.
- c) The Government is currently considering the next steps in relation to the Health Plan and its implementation.
- d) Please refer to part c).
- e) Funding for Indigenous programmes is currently being considered by the Government. The Health Plan is being considered within the context of this review.
- f) No consultation has taken place since the election.