

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Budget Savings - Indigenous Affairs

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

In the 2014 Budget Paper No.2, \$46.5 million savings were identified in the Department of health as part of the program rationalisation measure for Indigenous Affairs. Provide detail of which programs, funds or services have been reduced or cut to achieve this saving.

Answer:

The budget saving listed in 2014-15 Budget Paper No.2 identified a reduction of \$46.0 million in the Indigenous Australians' Health Programme for 2015-16. This was made up of savings from unallocated funding reinvested to expand activities through the Better Start to Life programme in 2015-16:

- New Directions;
- Australian Nurse Family Partnership Programme; and
- Healthy for Life.

Savings did not affect core, front-line primary health care services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.