

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 23 October 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Indigenous Smoking Figures

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Provide the latest Indigenous smoking figures.

**Answer:**

The data is publicly available through the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The latest estimates for prevalence of daily smoking for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are:

- 40.7 per cent aged 15 years and over, and
- 42.1 per cent aged 18 years and over.

(Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2014 *Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey: Updated Results 2012-13*)