

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 – Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Funding for Aboriginal Health Services

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Patrick Dodson

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the funding sources available to Aboriginal health services.

Answer:

Aboriginal Health Services receive funding from multiple sources including Commonwealth departments, state/territory departments, fee for service revenue (including Medicare), Practice Incentive Payments (PIP), Primary Health Networks, philanthropic donations and from the private sector or other not-for-profit entities. However, neither corporations legislation nor financial statement standards specify that organisations must identify income sources separately and consequently detailed breakdowns are not available.

The Indigenous Australians' Health Program (IAHP) currently supports approximately 140 Aboriginal community controlled health services (ACCHS), including eight state/territory peaks and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).