

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

Please break down and profile the funding allocation for deliverables in the social determinants of health?

“The Implementation Plan sets out specific goals and deliverables that will be reviewed and monitored in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health leaders). Each year progress against the Implementation Plan deliverables will be reported on. Progress on achieving the Implementation Plan goals will be reported every two years.” [Page 7 of the IPNATSIHP]

- a) What is the likely anticipated release date of reporting on these deliverables?
- b) What steps is the Department taking to ensure there is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector led response to redress the Social and Cultural Determinants of health as specified in the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013 - 2023?

Answer:

A break-down of funding cannot be provided as deliverables in the social determinants of health are being developed and will be incorporated in the next iteration of the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023.

- a) It is anticipated that the next iteration of the Implementation Plan will be released in 2018. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet will release the updated Health Performance Framework in May 2017, which will include reporting against the current Implementation Plan goals.
- b) As noted on page 5 of the Implementation Plan, partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their representatives is a fundamental principle underpinning

the Implementation Plan. The Government is working in partnership with the Implementation Plan Advisory Group (IPAG), who will have a lead role in engaging across the Indigenous health sector and in drafting the next iteration of the Implementation Plan. IPAG has agreed that addressing the social and cultural determinants of health is a key priority going forward.

IPAG is co-chaired by the National Health Leadership Forum and includes representatives from Commonwealth agencies, state and territory governments, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and Indigenous health experts.