

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: Central Australia Academic Health Science Centre

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

Is the Government aware of calls for a Central Australia Academic Health Science Centre and has the Government undertaken any consultations or engagement with the leading research and health organisations on establishing this?

Answer:

The Australian Government is aware of a partnership of health services, health/medical research organisations and educational institutions known as the Central Australia Academic Health Science Centre (CAAHSC).

The four research partners in the CAAHSC are in receipt of, or have previously received, National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) research grants.

NHMRC has established two initiatives to recognise national leadership in the provision of research-based and evidence-based health care and the training of doctors, nurses and other health professionals: Advanced Health Research and Translation Centres and Centres for Innovation in Regional Health. NHMRC has engaged with a variety of stakeholders, including representatives of the CAAHSC, with regard to these initiatives.