

PDR No	Outcome	Senator	Broad Topic	Question	Hansard/Ref
SQ16-000576	2 - Health Access and Support Services	McCarthy, Malrindirri	Indigenous Health Clinical Committee	Senator McCARTHY: Hello, Dr Southern. I would like to ask about the Indigenous Health Clinical Committee. Have organisations or potential members of the committee been approached yet? Dr Southern: Are these committees in relation to Primary Health Networks? Senator McCARTHY: Yes. The government has committed to review all 5,700 items. Dr Southern: Senator, I do not know the answer to that question. I do not know if my colleague knows. Ms Cole: Unfortunately, we will have to take that on notice. Senator McCARTHY: So you cannot provide a list of MBS items to be considered as part of the review? Is that what you asking for to be on notice? Dr Southern: Yes, we would have to take that on notice as well. I am sorry, Senator.	58 - 21/10/2016
SQ16-000577	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	MBS Review Taskforce – Indigenous Health Clinical Committee	a) Have organisations or potential members for the Committee been approached yet? b) What timeframe has been established for the Committee? c) Can you please provide a list of MBS items to be considered as part of the Review? d) How many Indigenous specific items are on the MBS? e) Can a breakdown of usage of each of these items please be provided? f) Will non-medical practitioner members be represented on the Indigenous Health Committee? g) Please provide total MBS expenditure on the items being considered by the Indigenous Health Committee? h) Is the Department aware of any existing proposals for new Indigenous specific MBS items?	Written
SQ16-000579	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Indigenous Suicide	a) When did the Minister receive the final report of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Project? b) Will this report be made public, if so when?	Written

SQ16-000580	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Indigenous Suicide	<p>a) The Department would be well aware of a significant number of Indigenous suicides in remote areas, in particular in the Kimberley. What interaction does the Department have with Primary Health Networks (PHN) to try to address this? b) When did the Department first receive instructions that a roundtable or summit on Indigenous suicide would be held in the Kimberley? c) Did the Department suggest suitable dates to the Minister or was a directive received? d) When was a date agreed? e) Did the Department provide a suggested list of attendees? f) How many groups and individuals attended? Please provide a list of attendees. g) How many officials attended? h) What time did the roundtable commence and when did it close? i) What are the outcomes of the roundtable? j) What subsequent work is either being developed or implemented following the roundtable?</p>	Written
SQ16-000583	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Indigenous Suicide	<p>In terms of Indigenous mental health programs that had traditionally been administered by the Department, has any of this responsibility been transferred to PHNs? If so what programs and what quantum of funding. a) How does the Department monitor and measure the PHNs in relation to these programs?</p>	Written
SQ16-000598	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Syphilis Outbreak	<p>a) Who from the Department of Health is represented on the Multijurisdictional Syphilis Outbreak Working Group (MJSO)? b) What trends in notifications of new cases of syphilis have been identified since the MJSO was formed? c) What additional resources are being provided by the Commonwealth in response to this disease outbreak? d) What treatment is provided to people diagnosed with syphilis? e) Can you detail the outcomes of the treatment? f) In terms of the Government's response and the work of the MJSO, what is the Government's strategy to address this outbreak? g) Are any additional sexual health education and other preventive health programs or measures being introduced in response to the outbreak? h) Is the Department aware of any equivalent outbreaks occurring in contemporary times in developed countries?</p>	Written

SQ16-000599	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Funding for Aboriginal Health Services	a) What is the estimated impact of the MBS freeze on the incomes of Aboriginal primary health care services? b) Are there any plans to compensate for these cuts, especially in terms of cuts through the MBS indexation freeze?	Written
SQ16-000602	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Funding for Aboriginal Health Services	Is the Department aware of concerns from the sector in terms of funding for mental health programs flowing to Aboriginal health services?	Written
SQ16-000603	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Funding for Aboriginal Health Services	Please provide a breakdown of the funding sources available to Aboriginal health services.	Written
SQ16-000604	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Funding for Aboriginal Health Services	What interaction is occurring between the Country WA PHN and ACCHOs, in particular in relation to Indigenous suicide?	Written
SQ16-000605	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Funding for Aboriginal Health Services	In terms of the Department's role in developing the so called Health Care Homes model, how is this work informing any potential changes to ACCHOs, including the way they are remunerated?	Written
SQ16-000606	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Funding for Aboriginal Health Services	According to the Minister for Health, enrolled patients at Health Care Homes would be funded in quarterly block payments. How would this apply to ACCHOs or Indigenous people enrolling in a so called Health Care Home?	Written
SQ16-000607	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Funding for Aboriginal Health Services	There has been a lot of commentary recently about people avoiding general practice care because of increasing costs. Are you aware of how this applies to Indigenous people who already have poorer access to health care?	Written
SQ16-000609	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Funding for Aboriginal Health Services	In terms of PHNs, what representation do ACCHOs have on the Boards of the 31 PHNs and what are the long-term plans for funding ACCHOs, especially as it relates to funding being administered by PHNs?	Written
SQ16-000611	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Funding for Aboriginal Health Services	What assurances can you provide that health programs for Indigenous people will continue to be delivered through ACCHOs, rather than introducing some form of contestability that could see funding being delivered to other, potentially for-profit providers?	Written

SQ16-000613	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	ATSI Australian General Practice Training Salary Support Programme 2016	a) Is the Department aware of the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation's (ACCHO) concern that the registrar salary support program has been reduced to 12 Full-time Equivalent (FTE) months, where previously eligible training facilities could support registrars under this program for up to 36 months? b) Is the Department aware that Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) maintain that the restricted period of 12 months of salary support under this initiative has directly impacted on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce? What is the Department's response? c) Has any modelling been done on the impact changes to this policy will have? d) How many registrars access this program? e) How many ACCHOs access the program? f) Are you aware of retention rates within ACCHOs for GP registrars who have accessed the program?	Written
SQ16-000615	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023	Please provide a progress update for the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023.	Written
SQ16-000616	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023	Please detail how regularly the Department is in consultation with the National Health Leadership Forum in reference to the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023?	Written
SQ16-000618	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023	When did the department last meet with the National Health Leadership Forum to discuss the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023? Please provide a list of the attendees.	Written

SQ16-000619	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023	Please detail which Minister currently has responsibility for the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023. How regularly is the Minister in consultation with the National Health Leadership Forum?	Written
SQ16-000620	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023	Were any commitments and or discussions made on the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023 at the Redfern Statement in June?	Written
SQ16-000622	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023	How much funding is currently allocated to the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023?	Written
SQ16-000623	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023	Please profile all the funding for the programs which fall under each of the 7 domains of The Implementation Plan: a) Health Systems Effectiveness b) Maternal Health and Parenting c) Childhood Health and Development d) Adolescent and Youth Health e) Healthy Adults f) Healthy Ageing g) Social and Cultural Determinants of Health	Written

SQ16-000624	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023	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 deliverable? 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?	Written
SQ16-000632	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Treatment of chronic diseases in Aboriginal Communities	Central Australian Aboriginal communities face specific chronic health issues. What multi-disciplinary collaborations is the Government supporting in Central Australia to prevent, manage and treat chronic diseases?	Written
SQ16-000638	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Programs to address preventable health conditions	Has the Government established any new programs to address preventable health conditions that impact on the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?	Written
SQ16-000641	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Closing the Gap	In terms of Closing the Gap, has funding been cut for cardiovascular diseases, rheumatic heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease, and blindness? a) If so, please provide details.	Written
SQ16-000643	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Cuts to Flexible Funds	How much of the cuts to Flexible Funds have been taken from programs that specifically provide services, advocacy and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?	Written

SQ16-000644	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Justice reinvestment approach to health	Does the Government support a justice reinvestment approach to health, given that these services divert Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from prison?	Written
SQ16-000646	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Establishment of a Central Australia Academic Health Science Centre	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?	Written
SQ16-000649	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Supporting people with MJD	Is the Department concerned that the current arrangements for supporting people with MJD are adequate? a) If not, what strategies are being pursued to improve them?	Written
SQ16-000651	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy	Where is the implementation plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy up to? a) When will it be finalised and released?	Written
SQ16-000656	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Kakoschke-Moore, Skye	Indigenous Affairs	In October 2015 the Government launched the Implementation Plan for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan. What funding has been allocated to the plan so that it can be delivered	Written