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1	SQ18-000100	Department of Health	Senator McCARTHY	Syphilis Outbreak	<p>Senator McCARTHY: Can the department confirm that in the past year, February 2017 to February 2018, there have been 693 new cases of syphilis across northern Australia in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities? Ms Edwards: We'll just get an officer who's aware of this issue to come to the table. Ms Appleyard will be able to help you.</p> <p>Ms Appleyard: So it was new cases of syphilis between February 2017 and—</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: February 2017 to February this year. Have there been 693 new cases across the Northern Territory?</p> <p>Ms Appleyard: What I have are the latest epidemiology numbers, but I'm not sure I have the specific numbers for the time frame that you've requested.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: Would you like to take the question on notice? Ms Appleyard: Most certainly, thank you.</p>	Hansard Proof, 2 March 2018	54
2	SQ18-000101	Department of Health	Senator McCARTHY	Support for Families - Syphilis Outbreak	<p>Senator McCARTHY: I haven't asked the question yet. I just wanted you back to the table to clarify a few things. You said that six babies have died in the past 12 months.</p> <p>Ms Appleyard: No, that was over the period of the outbreak.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: We'd like to know what support has been provided for those families.</p> <p>Ms Appleyard: The specific support would be being provided by Queensland Health through the Hospital and Health Services, so I wouldn't have details on that now. But that is something we could provide for you on notice.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: All right. Thank you.</p>	Hansard Proof, 2 March 2018	57
3	SQ18-000102	Department of Health	Senator DODSON	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan	<p>Senator DODSON: So you've dismissed the recommendation that came out of the 2000 Closing the Gap steering committee report, have you? A recommendation of A 10-year review: the closing the gap strategy and recommendations for reset was that the implementation plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan be costed and fully funded. Their recommendation was that you fully cost and fund the implementation plan.</p> <p>Ms Edwards: The approach that was taken was to draw on</p>	Hansard Proof, 2 March 2018	59

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					<p>funding streams and methods of making change in Australia across the whole of the Commonwealth and the whole of Australia, so, yes, we have taken— Senator DODSON: So the message is clear that there is no specific funding for the plan. Is that the clear message, except it's coming from other buckets?</p> <p>Ms Edwards: There is no limited specific bucket attached to this. It's at large across all of the programs.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Why would they have called for the plan to be specifically costed and funded?</p> <p>Ms Edwards: I'd have to refer to the report for the reasons for that, Senator.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: I don't work in this space. I'm asking a question. You're the experts, you deal with these people. Why have they asked for this plan to be specifically funded in its own right?</p> <p>Senator Scullion: It may well have been that they weren't aware that an option might have been that there was a whole-of-government approach and this was a better way to approach it. That may have been one of the reasons. We would have to take it on notice. We'll have to go back and have a look at the report.</p> <p>Ms Edwards: We could refer to the report and provide information from it.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Okay. Thank you, I'd appreciate that.</p>		
4	SQ18-000103	Department of Health	Senator McALLISTER	Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program Sites	<p>Senator McALLISTER: I understand that Minister Wyatt announced just recently that the Danila Dilba Health Service , through the ANFPP, is receiving \$1.68 million for this financial year. Is that the amount that each site receives or is Danila Dilba different? Do they all receive the same amount?</p> <p>Ms Wallace: No. They would all be unique, and they are each able to put forward a budget for their own unique demographics.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Can you please provide a list, perhaps not now, of what funding is provided to each of the 13 services?</p> <p>Ms Wallace: I can certainly take that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 2 March 2018	59

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5	SQ18-000104	Department of Health	Senator McALLISTER	Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program	<p>Senator McALLISTER: In March last year, Minister Wyatt said that 1,269 mothers were enrolled in the program. Do you know what the updated figure is for March this year?</p> <p>Ms Wallace: Let me just have a look. I'm not sure if I've got the current enrolment rates.</p> <p>Ms Edwards: I suspect that we have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Wallace: They would change. Of course, we have had some new sites come on board, so they would quite regularly change.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: In answering that question, would you be able to break that down by telling us how many participants are enrolled at each service site?</p> <p>Ms Edwards: We'll take it on notice. We'll have to be careful with the numbers. If the numbers get so small, we don't identify them per sites because we get into privacy issues. Subject to that caveat, of course, we'll provide that on notice.</p>	Hansard Proof, 2 March 2018	59
6	SQ18-000105	Department of Health	Senator McALLISTER	Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program Funding	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Would you be able to give us a total number of how many family partnership workers and nurses have been employed through the program? Are they the two main categories of staff?</p> <p>Ms Wallace: Rather than Aboriginal workers, it is a nurse-led home visiting service, so they are all nurses and then there is the Aboriginal family partnership worker. They would all be Indigenous employees, but I would certainly be able to provide you with the breakdown.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: I'm interested in understanding really the total number of staff involved in the program and how many of those are nurses and how many are family partnership workers.</p> <p>Ms Wallace: Certainly.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: How many New Directions: Mothers and Babies Services sites are there?</p> <p>Ms Wallace: There are currently 124 sites, and we are, as I mentioned, currently finalising a process to identify the remaining sites.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Sorry, you did mention that.</p> <p>Ms Wallace: At the height of the expansion, we will be at 136 sites. Senator McALLISTER: Would you be able to provide on notice that list of 124 locations?</p>	Hansard Proof, 2 March 2018	60

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					<p>Ms Wallace: Certainly.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: In doing that, as per my earlier request around the ANFP sites, can you also provide a list of the funding allocated to each service?</p> <p>Ms Wallace: I will take that on notice, certainly.</p>		
7	SQ18-000106	Department of Health	Senator McALLISTER	Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program Sites	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Similarly, in terms of the mothers and babies services program, noting the caveats Ms Edwards put around confidentiality and privacy, if you're able to tell us how many participants there are in each of the service sites, that would be appreciated.</p> <p>Ms Wallace: That might be more difficult—I will look into that—in that, under the ANFPP, clearly, mums and bubs are enrolled for up to two years, but the New Directions services are quite different, and so it's not quite the same sort of level of enrolment, if that makes sense. The other caveat I would provide in advance of when we do provide you with the information on enrolments in ANFPP is to appreciate that each of the new sites coming on board are at a different stage of implementation, and one would expect their client numbers to grow over time.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Perhaps one way of asking for the data, then, in that second program is to identify unique clients. What data do you use in terms of—</p> <p>Ms Wallace: I will certainly endeavour to provide that.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: I'm just interested in a metric that gives an indication about the level of service that's being provided by the sites, actually.</p> <p>Ms Edwards: We understand you want an indication of the client size for each of these services, and we'll provide that in the best way we can. Senator McALLISTER: Thank you.</p>	Hansard Proof, 2 March 2018	60
8	SQ18-000107	Department of Health	Senator McARTHUR	Suicide Prevention Trial Sites	<p>Senator McARTHUR: I'd like to just go to the suicide prevention trial sites. Firstly, I'd like to acknowledge the work that the PHNs and advisory groups are undertaking in relation to this incredibly important work. Can the department confirm the amount of funding that has been allocated to the Kimberley and Darwin suicide prevention trial sites?</p> <p>Ms Cole: Each of the suicide prevention trial sites has a total of \$3 million over a three-year period.</p>	Hansard Proof, 2 March 2018	61

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					<p>Senator McCARTHY: And how much of the \$3 million has been spent in both locations?</p> <p>Ms Cole: I don't have expenditure figures on me for each of the sites, but I can provide those on notice.</p>		
9	SQ18-000108	Department of Health	Senator McCARTHY	Suicide Prevention Trial Sites	<p>Senator McCARTHY: Okay. Can the department give an update on the progress of each of these suicide prevention trial sites, including: has the mapping been completed, what are the population groups and what are the locations?</p> <p>Ms Cole: Of each of the 12 sites or of the two—</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: The two that I've mentioned, the Kimberley and the Darwin suicide prevention trial sites.</p> <p>Ms Cole: Okay. I will just find the latest that we have.</p> <p>Ms Edwards: I think we've previously provided on notice a table of all the sites and a progress update. We'd be happy to do that again if you'd like to see that.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: I don't seem to have that.</p> <p>Ms Edwards: We tabled it at the hearing, I think.</p> <p>Ms Cole: Yes, but it may have been in the context of the health hearing. Ms Edwards: In the context of the mainstream health department day—but we can provide that after today, or we can go through the numbers now, Senator; I just thought it might be convenient for you.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: The progress in relation to the sites?</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: We're asking for an update on the progress of the sites.</p> <p>Ms Cole: I have a table here which gives the update on all of them if you'd like that. I can table it afterwards or I can talk you through the details, depending on—</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: Talk us through some of it now, but we'll certainly take what you've got there as well, Ms Cole.</p>	Hansard Proof, 2 March 2018	61
10	SQ18-000158	Department of Health	Senator SIEWERT	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013 - 2023	<p>Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013–2023</p> <p>1. Noting the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013–2023, published by the Commonwealth Government in 2015, includes: Strategy 1B: Mainstream health services are supported to provide clinically competent, culturally safe, accessible, accountable and responsive</p>	Written	

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					services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in a health system that is free of racism and inequality. a) What investments have been made, and what initiatives has the Government undertaken to provide leadership in achieving this strategy? b) What data and metrics have been developed to establish a baseline and measure progress, and is there any evaluation strategy in place?		
11	SQ18-000259	Department of Health	Senator DODSON	Social and cultural determinants of health	Senator DODSON: Have you got a report in relation to that progress? Mr Rocks: We've tabled, at the last two estimates hearings, a report to break it down. We're happy to provide that again on notice? Senator DODSON: No, that's fine if you've done that. I just want to know if the reporting program is still in play, basically. Ms Edwards: Would you like us to table it again? Senator DODSON: That would be useful, thank you.	Hansard Proof, 2 March 2018	58
12	SQ18-000280	Department of Health	Senator DODSON	Funding activities to Infectious syphilis outbreak	Can the department provide a breakdown of funding activities over the forward estimates to the Infectious syphilis outbreak in relation to the; Multijurisdictional Syphilis Outbreak Working Group/ CDNA Health promotion resources	Written	
13	SQ18-000281	Department of Health	Senator DODSON	Expand the ANFPP	Can the department confirm the intention to expand the ANFPP to 19 sites as detailed in Minister Wyatt's media release on the 22nd February 2018.	Written	