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SQ19-000101	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations	<p>Mr Roddam: It's in addition to the individual ACCHOs that we fund within Perth, so it's providing access to other medical services, undertaking the health assessments themselves and providing home visits as well.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Is it a private organisation? Is it a not-for-profit organisation?</p> <p>Mr Roddam: I might need to take that on notice. It's a private organisation.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Can you take on notice whether it's for-profit?</p> <p>Mr Roddam: Yes.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Is it run by Aboriginal people?</p> <p>Mr Roddam: No, but you might be interested that, as a condition of the funding agreement, we did require REDIMED to undertake consultation and collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations in the area, and we did state that the pilot was not to duplicate any already funded service and was to serve only clients who weren't already visiting other Indigenous Australians' Health Program funded services. They have partnered with Koya Aboriginal Corporation to deliver the project. Koya Aboriginal Corporation are a not-for-profit organisation owned and operated by local Aboriginal people in the City of Swan in WA, and they have experience in establishing health services for Aboriginal community members and have been involved in a range of community projects in the area.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. When are they due to start-or have they started?</p> <p>Mr Roddam: The project started on 26 October. I don't have an exact date for the service starting. We can take it on notice.</p>	22/02/2019 Proof Hansard Page 51
SQ19-000102	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. Could you tell me-or do you need to take it on notice-if they have undertaken the consultation that you just outlined as a condition of their funding.</p> <p>Mr Roddam: We can provide more detail. I think the arrangement they've reached with Koya is a really important part of that consultation, but we can provide further details on that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. In the broader program, can you tell me which other organisations that are not ACCHOs have been funded through this process.</p> <p>Mr Roddam: I'd need to take that on notice. We provided evidence on notice to Senator Dodson at the last estimates that about two-thirds of the total Indigenous Australians' Health Program funding does go to ACCHOs, but there are a number of organisations.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take on notice which organisations they are, where they are delivering the service and the value for each of those.</p> <p>Mr Roddam: I'll take that on notice. Just to clarify though, is it non-Indigenous organisations or non-ACCHO organisations that you're interested in?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Non-ACCHO organisations, but it would be good if you could articulate which of those are Aboriginal organisations. I would like all the non-ACCHO organisations.</p> <p>Ms Edwards: Just going to the answer we provided to the question on notice, we can provide you with that data across the whole of the program, but 84 per cent of the primary care portion of the program goes to Aboriginal controlled health services and one per cent to Indigenous organisations other than ACCHOs, so</p>	22/02/2019 Proof Hansard Page 51

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				that's 85 per cent in total. The balance goes to non-Indigenous organisations, but we would add that that doesn't include state governments and so on. So we can provide a further breakdown. It's definitely a program that is primarily aimed at and spent on Aboriginal controlled organisations, but we'll provide you with the detail of the breakdown.	
SQ19-000103	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Indigenous Comprehensive Primary Health Care Grant Process	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Will the evaluation be in place before services start?</p> <p>Mr Roddam: Data collection and reporting of the grant will be in place.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That's what I want to know.</p> <p>Mr Roddam: Yes, and that's what we use for the evaluation, because we can compare it against the wide range of data we collect on primary health care, like the key performance indicators and the online services report, where we have an enormous number of data items we collect in our primary health care. We'll be able to compare the work that REDIMED undertakes to that data.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. Services haven't started yet. When are they due to start? I think I misunderstood—</p> <p>Ms Jones: I don't have the details of exactly when they're supposed to start.</p> <p>Mr Roddam: We need to take that on notice and get the latest information for you.</p>	22/02/2019 Proof Hansard Page 52
SQ19-000104	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Non-ACCHO Funded Organisations	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Okay. I didn't misunderstand what you said, then. Thank you. A little bit earlier, you took on notice the provision of information about those non-ACCHO funded organisations. Could I add to that the evaluation process. Is each of those also going through an evaluation process?</p> <p>Mr Roddam: There will be some that have and some that don't. It really depends on the nature of the activity and whether we deem that there is a need for an evaluation as part of the grant.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Perhaps in that information you could just say whether are subject to an evaluation.</p> <p>Mr Roddam: Happy to take that on notice.</p>	22/02/2019 Proof Hansard Page 52
SQ19-000105	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Indigenous Comprehensive Primary Health Care Grant Process	<p>Senator SIEWERT: You said that a condition of this was that they coordinate with or consult Aboriginal peak organisations in the area and they've now set up a partnership. Can you take on notice, whether a similar condition has been put on the non-ACCHO organisations that have been provided funding?</p> <p>Ms Edwards: Sorry to take you back, but are we talking about primary care functions?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes, for primary care functions.</p> <p>Ms Edwards: So we are talking about that particular bucket?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Edwards: As we know, it's mostly ACCHOs, but there are some other things we are trying.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes, exactly.</p>	22/02/2019 Proof Hansard Page 52
SQ19-000106	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Indigenous Australians' Health Program	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I've got one or two questions around the other matter. Was this a closed tender process?</p> <p>Mr Roddam: No, it wasn't a tender process. Under the Indigenous Australians' Health Program, organisations are able to submit an unsolicited proposal and that is assessed against the Indigenous Australians' Health Program guidelines. That was the case with the grant awarded to Redimed.</p>	22/02/2019 Proof Hansard Page 53-54

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				<p>Senator SIEWERT: Is that an ongoing process? Mr Roddam: That's right. We have many organisations applying through this unsolicited process. Senator SIEWERT: Any private organisation can apply? Mr Roddam: ACCHOs themselves apply for extra money through those means. Senator SIEWERT: ACCHOs aren't private organisations. Mr Roddam: No. Any type of organisation is able to apply through the unsolicited process. Senator SIEWERT: So private, for-profit organisations apply? Mr Roddam: Yes, it's open to them. Senator SIEWERT: How often do they apply? Mr Roddam: Private organisations apply—I'd need to take that on notice. Ms Edwards: I think the question of how many apply is not the core one to get to. It is how many might be successful.</p>	
SQ19-000107	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Indigenous Smoking	<p>Senator DODSON: Can we move to smoking? Ms Edwards: To our efforts to combat smoking? Senator DODSON: Well, one wonders these days. Can you confirm that the minister made a commitment of \$183.7 million to this program? Ms Edwards: Correct—over four years: 2018-19 into 2021-22. Senator DODSON: How much of the funding has been allocated and how much of it is still remaining to be allocated? Mr Roddam: We have a breakdown of where the funding will go. In terms of how much of that has been expended at this point, we'll need to take on notice. But in terms of how the funding will be allocated, \$145.8 million will go to Regional Tobacco Control Grants. \$10.6 million will go to the National Best Practice Unit for Tackling Indigenous Smoking. \$1.2 million supports the work of the national coordinator. \$5.5 million will support enhanced data collection at the regional level. \$6.1 million will support— Senator DODSON: If you could just table those? Mr Roddam: Yes, sure. Senator DODSON: What percentage of the Tackling Indigenous Smoking grants goes to the ACCHOs? Ms Edwards: We'll take that on notice. Mr Roddam: I think we need to take it on notice. I think it's a significant proportion, but we need to take it on notice to get the exact figure.</p>	22/02/2019 Proof Hansard Page 54
SQ19-000108	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Mental Health Services	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Sorry! This is just to take on notice, and I apologise. On Wednesday, and yesterday, I asked a series of questions about mental health and access to mental health services. I asked about movement from the various programs into the NDIS et cetera. Ms Edwards: Yes, I remember. Senator SIEWERT: I presume you'll have to take this on notice: is it possible to tell me the number of Aboriginal people who are PIR recipients and day-to-day living recipients—</p>	22/02/2019 Proof Hansard Page 57

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				<p>Ms Edwards: Who have not yet transitioned? Senator SIEWERT: who have transitioned, and then those who have not yet transitioned? Ms Edwards: I understand the question entirely. I don't know the answer, but we'll certainly take on notice to provide you with that. Do you want the proportion of Aboriginal clients in PIR only, or do you want day-to-day living— Senator SIEWERT: Day-to-day living as well. Ms Edwards: The proportion of people who identify, obviously, as Indigenous-and that depends on how they collect it, because it's not a Medicare— Senator SIEWERT: Yes. Ms Edwards: And if we do collect it, and it's meaningful, the break-up of how many have transitioned or not transitioned? Senator SIEWERT: Exactly, yes. Ms Edwards: I can do that.</p>	
SQ19-000109	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Siewert, Rachel	Mental Health - Continuity of Support with PHNs	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I want to understand how the PHNs are operating in terms of continuity of care and the gap funding. Ms Edwards: Yes. You would also recall in relation to this that we talked about giving an extra \$19 million to help with that front door to the PHNs— Senator SIEWERT: Yes. Ms Edwards: So you want to understand that. As we talked about the other day, we're still in an intense process of how we're going to work over that transition period to get the PHNs with the psychosocial work and the continuity of support. Obviously, these are people with similar needs; we're very aware of that and of how we're going to move into it. Senator SIEWERT: Yes, particularly for— Ms Edwards: So a description of that sort of thing? Senator SIEWERT: Yes. Ms Edwards: It's a work in progress, as we talked about the other day, but we'll provide you with what we can. No doubt, you'll seek an update as we go forward.</p>	22/02/2019 Proof Hansard Page 57-58
SQ19-000217	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Indigenous Australians' Health Programme	Please list the non-Indigenous organisations funded from the IAHP and the purpose from the awarded grant.	Written 1/03/2019
SQ19-000218	2 - Health Access and Support	Dodson, Patrick	Community Health and Hospitals Program	<p>In relation to the Community Health and Hospitals Program that the Minister announced in December. We understand states and PHNs were invited to make submissions by the 1st of February.</p> <p>(a) Was anyone else invited to make submissions? (b) Why weren't Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations invited to apply?</p>	Written 1/03/2019

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SQ19-000219	2 - Health Access and Support Services	Dodson, Patrick	Tackling Indigenous Smoking Program	a) Can the Department outline the forward estimate forecast of the funding commitment for Tackling Indigenous Smoking program? How much funding is allocated each year? b) To date, how much of this funding has been allocated/ how much of this funding remains unallocated? c) Is the Tackling Indigenous smoking program funded through the Indigenous Australians Health Program or is this a separate budget measure? d) What percentage of Tackling Indigenous smoking grant recipients are ACCHO's? e) Can the Department provide a list of the Tackling Indigenous smoking allocation of grant recipients?	Written 1/03/2019