

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Department of Health**

**Senate Select Committee on COVID-19**

**Inquiry into the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

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**Big Issue Community Street Soccer Program**

**Written**

**Senator:** Kristina Keneally

**Question:**

As result of the COVID-19 pandemic, could the department provide an update and any change to the Big Issue Community Street Soccer Program. Please provide the following:

- a. When did the program commence?
- b. When will the program conclude?
- c. What amount has been expended to date, by year?
- d. What future expenditure is projected, by year?
- e. What outcomes are expected from the program, by year?

**Answer:**

- a. The Big Issue Community Street Soccer Program (CSSP) was launched in 2007.
- b. Funding is committed to The Big Issue for the CSSP until 2022-23.
- c. The following funding has been provided to The Big Issue for the CSSP:

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>\$ GST inclusive</b>
2007-08	1,100,000
2008-09	1,100,000
2009-10	1,100,000
2010-11	1,100,000
2011-12	1,100,000
2012-13	1,100,000
2013-14	1,100,000
2014-15	1,100,000

2015-16	1,100,000
2016-17	1,100,000
2017-18	1,100,000
2018-19	1,100,000
2019-20*	2,200,000

\* \$550,000 to be expended in future years

d. The following funding has been committed to The Big Issue for the CSSP:

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>\$ GST inclusive</b>
2020-21*	2,200,000
2021-22	1,100,000
2022-23	1,100,000

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e. Recent contractual arrangements with The Big Issue, include activity performance indicators for:

- the number of CSSP sites – 16+
- the number of participants each week - 300
- the number of registrations per year - 850
- the majority of participants reporting positive changes in at least one of seven health indicators (as reported through a regular health evaluation) – 80 per cent.

The Big Issue is currently expanding the number of CSSP sites to 25. The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on the expansion of sites as well as on the operation of existing sites. The Big Issue adapted the program whilst physical distancing measures were in place and provided support to participants via innovative solutions such as online methods. The re-establishment of existing sites and establishment of new sites continues as COVID-19 restrictions allow.