

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 121**

**Topic:** Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

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**Senator Boyce** asked:

As to the funding of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder organisations, is there any undertaken by FaHCSIA? Whether it is a disability or a health problem, I would be interested in knowing what, if any, funding you have in research or any other area for that.

**Answer:**

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and the Department of Health and Ageing are jointly providing funding of \$1.05 million (GST inclusive) to the George Institute for International Health to conduct the Marulu: Lililwan Project, a community driven project to determine the prevalence of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) in the Fitzroy Crossing Valley and provide treatment and referrals for children diagnosed with FASD. FaHCSIA is contributing \$550,000 (GST inclusive) for the study from the Indigenous Family Safety Agenda in 2010-11.