

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Preventive Health

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Watt, Murray

Question:

Is there any work underway in the Department to re-establish a National Partnership in the area of preventive health?

Answer:

No.

The Australian Government's current role in preventive health includes supporting people to take personal responsibility for their health by improving their lifestyle-related risk factors. The Australian Government's focus includes providing evidence-based population health information so that people are in the best position to make informed decisions and take control of their own health and wellbeing.

The Australian Government is currently working in partnership with states and territories, to develop indicators for the National Strategic Framework for Chronic Conditions (yet to be publicly released). In addition, the Australian Government, through its different principal committees of the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council are working closely with the states and territories in areas of prevention and population health.