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Senator: Moore, Claire

Question:

Senator MOORE: The media release—I will ask for more detail—listed the programs, all of which look really valuable and important, and I know most of them. I would like to get a little bit more detail on them. This is from the minister's media release on 26 May. Minister, I think it coincides with when you came and did the launch, which was really good, and I thought it was a very valuable event. Could we get a more fulsome list of the organisation, the programs and the projects? On the media release it is just who they were. It would be nice to get who they were, where they were, what the project is and how much it is. I have not been able to find that on the website. I am sure it is there somewhere but I just cannot find it.
Dr Southern: We can certainly take that on notice.

Answer:

Details of National Palliative Care Projects successful in the 2014 open competitive funding round are included in Attachment A. All projects listed at Attachment A are national projects, not restricted to the location of the organisation.

NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE PROJECTS January 2015 to June 2017

PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	January 2015- June 2017 FUNDING (GST Ex)
CareSearch (previously called Australian Palliative Care Knowledge Network)	The Flinders University of South Australia	Bedford Park, SA	The Caresearch website provides information resources for researchers and palliative care specialists, along with information for patients and their families, carers, general practitioners, other health care professionals and the general public. The site covers topics on specific diseases, finding support and help and self-care for caregivers.	\$2,956,896
Data Development and Reporting	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)	Canberra, ACT	The AIHW will continue to undertake a range of activities relating to improving national data on palliative care provision. These tasks include annual data collection, analysis and reporting activities.	\$491,709
Palliative Care Australia (PCA)	Palliative Care Australia	Deakin, ACT	PCA is the peak national organisation for palliative care and end of life issues in Australia. The Australian Government provides funding to PCA for infrastructure support to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inform and contribute to the development of palliative care public policy in Australia; • consult and collaborate with the palliative care sector and the wider Australian community on palliative care and end of life issues; • promote increased awareness of palliative care across the Australian community through information development and dissemination; and • undertake the national palliative care standards program. 	\$3,824,307

Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative (PaCCSC)	The Flinders University of South Australia	Bedford Park, SA	<p>The PaCCSC is a research infrastructure comprising a number of partner agencies, which are collaboratively involved in undertaking clinical medication studies. This funding supports the administration of PaCCSC. The aims of PaCCSC are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop an efficient and effective method of generating research data that will support the listing of palliative care medicines on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG); • build the research capacity of the palliative care sector so that ongoing clinical medication studies can occur; and • build the evidence base to support the ongoing implementation of studies on medicine use and quality practice in palliative care. 	\$1,698,021
Palliative Care Education and Training	Queensland University of Technology	Brisbane, Qld	<p>This project is a national project which consists of the Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach (PEPA) program and the Palliative Care Curriculum for Undergraduates (PCC4U) project.</p> <p>The project promotes the inclusion of palliative care in all health care undergraduate training and professional development, and aims to enhance the capacity of health professionals to deliver a palliative care approach through their participation in either clinical placements in specialist palliative care services or interactive workshops.</p>	\$11,103,264
Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration (PCOC)	The University of Wollongong	Wollongong, NSW	<p>PCOC aims to support palliative care providers to identify and measure the impact of their service delivery on people with a life-limiting illness, their families and carers. PCOC supports services to consistently compare and measure the quality of their services in order to facilitate a process of continuous service improvement. This is achieved through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • education, training and support to services in the use of 	\$6,120,666

			<p>data to improve service quality, including information technology training, establishment or modification;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collaborating with participating services to analyse benchmarking results and quality data; and • contributing to the development of a culture of continuous quality improvement. 	
Respecting Patient Choices (RPC)	Austin Health	Heidelberg, Victoria	<p>The RPC project aims to ensure patients' choices about their end of life care are respected. In doing so, RPC aims to develop a national program for advance care planning (ACP) promotion and capacity building that can be implemented nationally. RPC focuses on developing systems of training, clinical practices, and policies for effective advance care planning. RPC is currently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing resources aimed at improving awareness of and engagement with ACP for people from non-English speaking backgrounds; • providing national ACP support for consumers and health workers by further developing evidence-based practice through research, information sharing and promotion of ACP; and • training health care workers caring for people with dementia in how to have an ACP conversation. 	\$3,614,078
Palliative Care Training and Information Online Portal (formerly COMPAC Guidelines Online Training)	Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association	Deakin, ACT	<p>This project will develop and establish a comprehensive, innovative and accessible online information and training portal aimed at frontline palliative care workers including general practitioners, nurses and care workers.</p> <p>The online education and training package will also assist health workers to implement the principles of the Guidelines for a Palliative Approach for Aged Care in the Community Setting. (COMPAC Guidelines).</p>	\$966,965
Listen Acknowledge, Respond: Developing sector skills for a new	Integratedliving Australia LTD	Muswellbrook, NSW	<p>This project will develop and deliver a national program of innovative training (including both enhanced university curricula and workforce professional development) that will create a new</p>	\$1,874,355

paradigm in palliative care			<p>paradigm in palliative care; an approach focused on inclusive, person-centred treatment that recognises individual choice and dignity whilst providing a psycho-social solution to end-of-life care.</p> <p>It forms one of three, inter-linked submissions by a consortium, including Charles Sturt University. Combined, these activities will seek to identify and build the capability of allied health, social and other health care workers to support end of life care needs for people with life limiting illness.</p>	
Towards True Community Care: Benchmarking a new paradigm in treatment and Creating Cost Effective Care: A comparative analysis	Charles Sturt University	Wagga Wagga, NSW	<p>This project seeks to benchmark 'before and after' competencies for those undertaking skills development and to produce research analysing the new competency standards. This will form the framework for training, professional development and mentoring and to support further research into appropriate industry skills and roles within the end of life and palliative care contexts.</p> <p>This project forms one of three inter-linked submissions by a consortium including IntegratedLiving. Combined, these activities will seek to identify and build the capability of allied health, social and other health care workers to support end of life care needs for people with life limiting illness.</p>	\$1,240,791
Paediatric palliative care national education and quality improvement collaborative	Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service	Herston, Qld	<p>This project aims to build the capacity of local health professionals to provide palliative care to children and support to families, and improve the quality of paediatric palliative care services across all Australian jurisdictions. A collaborative education portfolio will be developed within a strong quality framework underpinned by planned evaluation, consumer engagement and strong linkages to the 'Standards for Providing Quality Palliative Care for all Australians.'</p>	\$2,419,736
The online resource for religious and cultural	Cabrini Health Limited	Malvern, Victoria	<p>This project aims to strengthen the understanding and uptake of advance care planning across the palliative care sector by</p>	\$518,155

advance care planning.			developing an advance care planning online resource, with consideration of various religious and cultural denominations, to assist in end of life decision making. This will be undertaken in consultation with religious, cultural and national palliative care organisations.	
Training to support carers of palliative care patients.	Carers Australia Inc	Deakin, ACT	<p>This project will deliver a series of workshops to train counsellors and other people to better support carers who are caring for someone requiring palliative care.</p> <p>Workshops will focus on the needs of counsellors in the Carers Australia network, and the needs of a wide range of palliative care and other health professional organisations, such as general counsellors, social workers and case managers that deliver services to carers providing end of life care.</p>	\$169,500
Education modules on end of life care in acute hospitals	The Flinders University of South Australia	Bedford Park, SA	This project aims to improve service provider skill development through the development of online education modules and an associated implementation tool kit on health care at the end of life in acute hospitals. The resources will be developed in conjunction with the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC).	\$581,314