

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Primary Health Networks

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Siewert, Rachel

**Question:**

How will the Department of Health cover issues related to Social and emotional well-being and Alcohol and drug issues, which for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, responsibility sits in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health no longer funds the Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) Programme, which transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) as part of the Machinery of Government changes.

However, there are organisations funded under this program by PM&C that the Department also funds for alcohol and other drug treatments services.

The Department and PM&C work closely together in managing these programs.