

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 6 May 2016**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Indigenous Mental Health

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**Senator:** Rice, Janet

**Question:**

Ms Cole: Indigenous mental health is about \$84 million, but I can get you the exact figure. The suicide funding is about \$6.9 million per year, or around that, and again I can get you the exact figure on that one. There is also the headspace funding—

**Answer:**

- The funding previously allocated to the *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy* is now an ongoing funding commitment and equates to approximately \$6.3 million per annum with approximately \$5.6 million per annum allocated to the Primary Health Network (PHN) flexible funding pool and \$0.7 million per annum for Indigenous-specific national activity.
- This equates to approximately \$25.2 million over four years in the forward estimates, commencing 2016-17.
- This ongoing funding is in addition to the \$85 million (over 3 years from 2016-17) specifically earmarked for Indigenous mental health through PHNs.