

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Gallagher, Katy

Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: My quick calculation is that it was around \$9 million across 20-odd PHNs. Can I get a figure on how much money has gone out for needs assessment and planning, and whether all 31 have received funding?

Ms Cole: I can confirm that all 31 received funding. The funding was, I guess in a sense, funding to also allow them to engage the staff that they needed to take on the new responsibilities of mental health. [no figure provided for needs assessment and planning]

Answer:

A total of \$10.7 million (GST exclusive) was provided to 31 Primary Health Networks in 2015-16 as one-off grant payments to enable needs based assessments, planning and capacity building, including commissioning services.