

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-402

OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: REGIONAL TOBACCO COORDINATOR EMPLOYMENT

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Senator Scullion asked:

Since Mr Calma was appointed as the National Coordinator Tackling Indigenous Smoking, how many of the 57 regional tobacco coordinators, and, I understand, up to 171 tobacco action workers have been employed?

Answer:

Mr Calma was appointed as the National Coordinator Tackling Indigenous Smoking in March 2010. Since that time, the department has entered into funding agreements with organisations in the first 20 of 57 regions to initially facilitate the establishment of office space and then commence recruitment action for the Tobacco Action Workforce.

As at 15 November 2010, eight Regional Tobacco Coordinators and nine Tobacco Action Workers had been employed by these organisations.

The proposed roll-out of workers over three years across 57 regions and the ACT is:

Tobacco Action Workforce	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Total
Number of Regional Tobacco Coordinators	20	20	17	57
Number of Tobacco Action Workers	21	40	57	118
Total Workforce	41	60	74	175