

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Drug and Alcohol Treatment

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Xenophon, Nick

Question:

I understand the Government is providing over \$84 million in 2013-14 and \$93 million in 2014-15 for drug and alcohol treatment through the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund and the Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Program. How does the Department monitor this expenditure to ensure grant recipients are meeting desired outcomes of the programs?

Answer:

Funding agreements in place require organisations to provide progress reports on a six monthly basis outlining activities and the delivery of outcomes during this reporting period. Audited financial statements and acquittal of expenditure is required at the end of the funding period.