

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 8 - Health Workforce Capacity

Topic: Workforce Support, Education and Training

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

- a) How much money has been committed to the Medical Outreach – Indigenous Chronic Disease Program?
- b) What is the intent of this program?
- c) How many patients have been treated under this program in the 2013-2014 year?
- d) How many locations have been covered in the 2013 – 2014 period?
- e) How many host organisations are currently operational?

Answer:

- a) \$92.462 million over 3 years from 2013-2014 to 2015-2016.
- b) The Medical Outreach Indigenous Chronic Diseases Programme (MOICDP) provides funding to support a broad range of multi-disciplinary team based health outreach services to priority areas, primarily in rural and remote Australia. Services support improved access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to best practice chronic disease management and follow-up care.
- c) There were 123,136 patient contacts in 2013-2014.
- d) Services were delivered in 383 locations nationally in 2013-2014.
- e) There are seven jurisdictional fundholder organisations managing service delivery under the MOICDP, with the fundholder for New South Wales also responsible for service delivery in the Australian Capital Territory.