

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 22 October 2014**

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**OUTCOME:** 8 - Health Workforce Capacity

**Topic:** Workforce Support, Education and Training

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

- a. How fund funding has been allocated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Workers?
- b. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Workers have been provided with orientation and training this year?
- c. What is the current number of nursing scholarships available under the package?
- d. What percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Workers have received individualised training this year to date?

**Answer:**

- a) Funding under the Indigenous Australians' Health Programme (IAHP) has been allocated in 2014-15 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Workers located in Medicare Locals (MLs) and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.
  - Funding totalling \$7,413,560 (GST excl) has been allocated for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Worker positions in MLs; and
  - Funding totalling \$20.3 million (GST excl) has been allocated to fund Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Outreach Workers as well as Practice Managers and Additional Health Professionals in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. Within this allocation, the indicative allocation for Outreach Workers is \$7,390,118 (GST excl), based on 86.95 full-time equivalent workers.
- b) Outreach Workers may have received orientation and training from their employers in 2014-15, but data for such training are not reported to the Commonwealth.
- c) Currently there are no nursing scholarships available.
- d) Outreach Workers may have received individualised training from their employers in 2014-15, but data for such training are not reported to the Commonwealth.