

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 – Population Health

**Topic:** Research on the Impact of Stigma and Nihilism Associated with Lung to Improve Treatment and Support for those Affected by Lung Cancer

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

**Senator:** Moore, Claire

**Question:**

Can you provide an update on the qualitative and quantitative research on the impact of stigma and nihilism associated with lung to improve treatment and support for those affected by lung cancer.

- a) Is this work public?
- b) Are there similar research plans for other cancer types?

**Answer:**

a) and b)

Cancer Australia has completed research into the experiences of people with lung cancer and their carers in relation to stigma and nihilism, and is in the process of developing the key findings of this research into articles for submission to peer reviewed journals. Cancer Australia's systematic review of the impact of stigma and nihilism on lung cancer outcomes is publically available and was published as an open access article in May 2012 by BMC Cancer (doi:10.1186/1471-2407-12-184), and is available from the Cancer Australia website.