

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Primary Health Care Networks

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Question:

What data is available on the health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from Primary Health Networks? Particularly in comparison to the previous system?

Answer:

Primary Health Networks (PHNs) that deliver comprehensive primary health care under the Indigenous Australians' Health Programme (IAHP) are required to report via OCHREStreams for National Key Performance Indicators (nKPIs) using the same indicators as Aboriginal community controlled health services.

The 3rd National nKPI report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), *National key performance indicators for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care: results from December 2014* is available at: www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129553390

The former Medicare Locals receiving IAHP funding for comprehensive primary health care were required to report on the nKPIs to the AIHW for inclusion in the national nKPI reports.