

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 21 October 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Ice Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Services

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

**Senator:** Xenophon, Nick

**Question:**

As I highlighted in my submission to the National Ice Taskforce, families of ice addicts have reported to me that government-funded or subsidised detox programs are insufficient in number and non-located where there is high demand such as in regional and rural centres.

Can you advise of how much funding has been allocated to ice addiction treatment and rehabilitation services in the past decade (breakdown by year)?

Does the Department have available data on allocation of funding:

- By state or territory,
- By metropolitan, regional and rural area?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health cannot provide details on funding allocated specifically to ice addiction treatment and rehabilitation services in the past decade.

The Commonwealth provides funding to a wide variety of treatment services across Australia including counselling, residential rehabilitation, pharmacotherapy, support and case management, information and education, withdrawal management and assessment services. These services are not specific to the treatment of any one class of drug, however provide support for a range of alcohol and drug related issues.

**Breakdown for 2015-16 (by State/Territory):**

State/Territory	2015-16 committed funding (\$M GST exclusive)
ACT	3.20
NSW	24.46
VIC	16.05
QLD	14.63
SA	6.31
TAS	3.11
WA	5.53
NT	3.05
National	1.99

**Breakdown for 2015-16 (by Regional/Metro):**

Service Area	2015-16 Committed funding (\$M GST exclusive)
Regional	24.58
Metropolitan	53.75