

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017, 3 March 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan

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**Senator:** Dodson, Patrick

**Question:**

Senator DODSON: Can the department profile the funding allocation of every program that falls under the implementation plan of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan which is funded through the Indigenous Australian Health program?

Dr Southern: We would have to take that on notice and come back to you with that information.

Senator DODSON: How long do you think that might be?

Dr Southern: We will come back to you at the committee's deadline. That will be quite a complicated unpacking of the Indigenous Australian Health program budget, but we will have a go.

**Answer:**

Through the Indigenous Australians' Health Program (IAHP), funding of \$1.62 billion is allocated to programs falling under the *Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023* (the Implementation Plan) for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 financial years. Attachment A provides a breakdown of these programs and associated funding as at 31 March 2017.

It is difficult to apply specific funding to domains under the Implementation Plan, as many initiatives lie across the life course structure of the Implementation Plan.

Provision is made in the future estimates to continue to support the program subject to future administration of grants and agreements.

The Department of Health also supports Implementation Plan deliverables through funding from mainstream programs including the Medicare Benefits Schedule, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, aged care and health workforce.

Attachment A

<b>Administered Sub-Program Activities</b>	<b>2016-17 (\$'m)</b>	<b>2017-18 (\$'m)</b>	<b>Total (\$'m)</b>
Comprehensive Primary Health Care Services <i>(includes primary health care, Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program (ANFPP) and New Directions, and continuous quality improvement activities)</i>	502	540	1,042
Improving Access to Mainstream Programs <i>(includes remote outreach services, Integrated Team Care program, and PBS Co-payment)</i>	141	145	286
Targeted activities <i>(includes but is not limited to eyes, ears, renal, oral, cardiac and rheumatic care, cancer screening and other activities)</i>	27	33	60
Capital Works	15	15	30
Governance and system effectiveness <i>(data, monitoring and evaluation activities and funding for quality improvement projects, Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council contributions, and training funding for organisations).</i>	11	17	28
Indigenous Smoking	37	44	81
National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) & Affiliates	20	20	40
Indigenous Mental Health	28	28	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>1,622</b>
<i>Note: Table is accurate at 31 March 2017 - IAHP is subject to minor movements throughout the course of the financial year consistent with managing a significant number of contracts and grants.</i>			

