

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Drug Strategy (NDS)
2014-2019

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Senator: Dodson, Patrick

Question:

- a) Can Department list which organisations they have consulted at this point of the process?
- b) When did those consultations take place?

Answer:

The development of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Drug Strategy (2014-2019) was informed by a public consultation process in that took place in 2013. The Intergovernmental Committee on Drugs commissioned the former National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee to undertake the consultation process.

The consultation process included:

- a series of workshops in May 2013 held in Port Augusta, Sydney, Mt Isa, Perth, Broome and Alice Springs.

These workshops were supplemented by a number of facilitated key stakeholder interviews in Sydney, Mt Isa, Broome and Alice Springs. The purpose of these key stakeholder interviews was to discuss more specific issues that may not have been raised or discussed at the larger consultations, as well as to obtain an understanding of the types of services that were being offered in those locations.

- An online submission process in May 2013.

Over 200 people working within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander alcohol and other drugs (AOD) sector participated in the consultations, representing non-government, community based, government, health, and law enforcement organisations. Seventeen written submissions were received from a range of Indigenous and non-Indigenous organisations.

The report from the consultations – which includes the list of organisations who provided written submissions – is available at

http://www.healthinonet.ecu.edu.au/uploads/resources/25365_25365.pdf