

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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

**Topic:** National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cancer Framework 2015

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

**Senator:** Dodson, Patrick

**Question:**

- a) Can the Department provide an update on progress with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cancer Framework 2015?
- b) Can the Department report on any remaining funding attached to the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cancer Framework 2015?
- c) Can the Department profile the funding for the seven national priority areas since the announcement of the framework for each year?
- d) Can the Department detail where the 30 community workshops across Australia were performed?
- e) Is the Government intending to continue the Framework?

**Answer:**

- a) The *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cancer Framework* (the Framework) was released on 31 August 2015. The Framework provides high-level guidance and direction for the many individuals, communities, organisations and governments whose combined efforts are required to address disparities and improve cancer outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Cancer Australia's work to improve the health outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people affected by cancer include the following:

- Establishment of the Leadership Group on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cancer Control to share knowledge across the sector to inform and guide the implementation of the Framework, monitor progress across priority areas and outline strategic directions for Indigenous cancer control nationally.
- Commencement of the development of a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Monitoring and Reporting Plan for a planned approach to monitoring and reporting on progress across the sector on addressing the seven priorities identified in the Framework.
- Commencement of a research project to identify critical success factors and approaches for increasing the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in mammographic screening.

- Partnering with the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services to develop the Optimal Care Pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with cancer.
  - Supporting the dissemination of culturally appropriate, evidence-based information about lung cancer to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by:
    - supporting the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia to coordinate the delivery of Our Lungs, Our Mob Workshops nationally.
    - releasing an interactive online learning module based on Lung Cancer in our Mob: a handbook for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers onto Cancer Australia’s Cancer Learning website.
    - releasing My Lung Cancer Pathway, a culturally appropriate consumer information resource about lung cancer for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
  - Supporting the dissemination of culturally appropriate, evidence-based information about breast and gynaecological cancer to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women by supporting the Aboriginal Health Council of South Australia to coordinate the delivery of Women’s Business Workshops nationally.
- b) The Department is not able to report on funding. In order to develop the Framework, Cancer Australia made funds available through its existing funding.
- c) See answer to part b).
- d) Community workshops (30) were held at the following services:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Service Name</b>
Canberra, ACT	Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service (February)
Canberra, ACT	Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service (May)
Cairns, QLD	Wuchopperen Health Service Limited
Morayfield, QLD	Morayfield Clinic
Stradbroke Island, QLD	Yulu-Burri-Ba
Townsville, QLD	Townsville Aboriginal and Islanders Health Services
Blacktown, NSW	WentWest - Aboriginal Health
Broken Hill, NSW	Maari Ma Health
Campbelltown, NSW	Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation
Erina, NSW	Mingaletta Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation
Wagga Wagga, NSW	Riverina Medical and Dental Aboriginal Corporation
Alice Springs, NT	Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
Darwin, NT	Danila Dilba Health Service
Katherine, NT	Wurli-Wurlinjang Aboriginal Health Service
Tennant Creek, NT	Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation
Barmera, SA	Barmera Aboriginal Health Service
Coober Pedy, SA	Umoona Tjutagku Health Service Aboriginal Corporation
Kooniba, SA	Cedunna Kooniba Aboriginal Health Service
Mt Gambier, SA	Pangula Mannamurna Aboriginal Health Service
Port Augusta, SA	Pika Wiya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation
Hobart, TAS	Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre
Melbourne, VIC	Victorian Aboriginal Health Service

Mildura, VIC	Mallee District Aboriginal Services
Robinvale, VIC	Murray Valley Aboriginal Health Service
Warrnambool, VIC	Gunditjmara Aboriginal Cooperative Ltd
Broome, WA	Broome Regional Aboriginal Service
Bunbury, WA	South West Aboriginal Medical Service
Derby, WA	Derby Aboriginal Health Service
Kalgoorlie, WA	Bega Garnbirringu Health Service
Perth, WA	Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Inc.

- e) Cancer Australia intends to continue to promote the uptake and implementation of the Framework. Cancer Australia has established a National Leadership Group on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cancer Control to encourage cross-sector collaboration in addressing the priorities in the Framework. The Framework sets out seven national priority areas and allows the flexibility for jurisdictions, communities and organisations to address those priorities in ways that suit their local context and local needs. Cancer Australia will continue to have its work program informed by the priorities, and the Leadership Group on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cancer Control will continue to guide and advise its implementation.