

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:

What other Commonwealth programs are in place to culturally address the high incidence of cancer among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?

Answer:

The Commonwealth is supporting a range of culturally appropriate programs to address the incidence of cancer among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples including the:

- \$116.8 million from 2015-16 to 2017-18 for the Tackling Indigenous Smoking program to reduce the prevalence of smoking among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- \$135.2 million in 2016-17 and 2017-18 for the Integrated Team Care program to improve care coordination and support timely access to specialist and allied health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who experience chronic disease;
- \$3.0 million from 2014-15 to 2018-19 for the National Indigenous Bowel Cancer Screening Pilot to increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander screening rates; and
- \$0.6 million from 2016-17 to 2018-19 for specific training and resources for Aboriginal Health Workers, Aboriginal Health Practitioners and clinicians to enable the delivery of culturally appropriate cervical screening and advice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.