

**Senate Finance and Administration Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 22 November 2013**

**Question: E13-203**

**OUTCOME:** 8 - Indigenous Health

**Topic:** National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes

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

**Senator:** McLucas

**Question:**

Will the government match the \$777 million funding committed to the new NPA by the previous Labor Government?

**Answer:**

The National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes expired on 30 June 2013. The Council of Australian Governments, at its meeting in Canberra on 13 December 2013 decided to streamline national partnership agreements, resulting in a decision not to continue work on the NPA on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes.

The Government has committed to maintaining funding allocated for Closing the Gap in health as part of its election commitment.