

Senate Finance and Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Question: E13-209

OUTCOME: 8 - Indigenous Health

Topic: Health Funding

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas

Question:

The previous government identified addressing the issue of tobacco smoking as a high priority in closing the gap and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. Ongoing funding was allocated to this measure with Dr Tim Calma AO as the National Coordinator - Tackling Indigenous Smoking - leading the measure. Is the Government committed to continuing to provide resources for this ongoing measure, and how much?

Answer:

The Government remains committed to addressing the high rates of Indigenous smoking. The Australian Government has allocated \$42.6 million in 2013-14 to decreasing Indigenous Australians' smoking rates.