

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee - Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14
Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matters – Department of Health

QoN No.	Agency/ Outcome	Senator	Broad Topic	QUESTION	Hansard / Ref	Date Answer received	Date Answer tabled
100	8	Siewert	Dialysis - Working with the state Government	Will you continue to negotiate with state governments to ensure that there is patient funding available to remote community dialysis services, rather than just in city centres?	Written QoN	24/1/14	13/2/14
101	8	Siewert	Dialysis - Ernabella facility	In June 2013, the then Minister for Indigenous Health (Hon Warren Snowdon MP) wrote to the South Australian Government about an offer to provide \$1.8 million for the capital cost of establishing a permanent renal facility on the APY Lands in Ernabella/Pukatja. The following month, the then Shadow Spokesperson for Indigenous Health (Dr Andrew Laming MP) announced that - if elected - a Coalition government would come to an agreement with the South Australian and Northern Territory governments "within six months" of the date of the election on how any "remaining, uncommitted money" would be expended on "renal dialysis and primary renal health care in Central Australia." a) Can you provide this Committee with an update on any steps taken in recent months to conclude an agreement with the South Australian government concerning the establishment of a renal facility in Ernabella on the APY Lands? b)When do you expect this agreement to be finalised?	Written QoN	3/2/14	13/2/14
200	8	McLucas	Department changes: Department of Health	What personnel have transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet?	Written QoN	24/1/14	13/2/14
201	8	McLucas	Department changes: Department of Health	What, if any, budget has been provided to PM&C for the transfer of these functions and staff from the Department of Health?	Written QoN	24/1/14	13/2/14
202	8	McLucas	National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes	What negotiations have taken place with the States and Territories regarding a new National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Health Outcomes since the election?	Written QoN	24/1/14	13/2/14
203	8	McLucas	National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes	Will the government match the \$777 million funding committed to the new NPA by the previous Labor Government?	Written QoN	3/2/14	13/2/14
204	8	McLucas	National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes	What follow up has there been with State and Territory Governments following the release in June 2013 of the Joint Report on the Review of the National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes; particularly noting the 7 agreed recommendations of the report?	Written QoN	24/1/14	13/2/14
205	8	McLucas	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-23 (NATSIHP)	a)Is the Government committed to the implementation of the NATSIHP? b)Where in Government and who has the responsibility for the NATSIHP and the development of an implementation strategy? c)What steps have been taken towards the development of this implementation strategy? d)What is the timeline for	Written QoN	24/1/14	13/2/14

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				implementation? e)How much funding has been allocated to implement this NATSIHP? f)What consultation has taken place since the election to develop implementation strategy and who has been consulted?			
206	8	McLucas	Renal Health	In 2013/14, \$9 million had been allocated for family centric renal accommodation projects, bringing total funds available to \$10 million in 2013/14. i)Given that the funds are still available, what proposals has the Government sought advice on or considered for their expenditure? ii) Will the government guarantee that the entire amount will be spent to address the needs of renal patients in the NT?	Written QoN	3/2/14	13/2/14
207	8	McLucas	Renal Health	I understand that efforts to facilitate tri-state discussions over the coordination of renal services in Central Australia have proven difficult and there has been little progress in the coordination of service delivery. Could you indicate what progress, if any, has been made about coordination of renal services in Central Australia since the election?	Written QoN	3/2/14	13/2/14

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208	Whole of Portfolio	McLucas	Health Funding	<p>The previous government allocated \$1.17 billion in 2013-14 toward indigenous health initiatives. Is this money still being used for this purpose? If not, why? (a) This included: i.\$118.3 million in 2013/14 for Population Health, for a reduction in the incidence of preventable mortality and morbidity in Australia, including through regulation and national initiatives that support healthy lifestyles. Is this money still being used for this purpose? If not, why? ii.\$54.3 million in 2013/14 for Access to Pharmaceutical Services, for cost-effective medicines, including through the PBS and related subsidies, and assistance for medication management through industry partnerships. Is this money still being used for this purpose? If not, why? iii.\$34.6 million in 2013/14 for Access to Medical Services, for cost-effective medical, practice nursing and allied health services, including through Medicare subsidies for clinically relevant services. Is this money still being used for this purpose? If not, why? iv.\$54.7 million in 2013/14 for Aged Care and Population Ageing, for access to quality and affordable aged care and carer support services for older people, including subsidies and grants, industry assistance, training and regulation of the aged care sector. Is this money still being used for this purpose? If not, why? v.\$24 million in 2013/14 for Primary care, for access to comprehensive community based health care, including through first point of call services for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of ill-health and for ongoing management of chronic disease. Is this money still being used for this purpose? If not, why? vi.\$6.5 million in 2013/14 for Hearing Services, for a reduction in the incidence and consequence of hearing loss, including through research and prevention activities and access to hearing services and devices for eligible people. Is this money still being used for this purpose? If not, why? vii.\$847.8 million in 2013/14 for indigenous health, for closing the gap in life expectancy and child mortality rates for indigenous Australians, including through primary health care, child and maternal health, and substance use services. Is this money still being used for this purpose? If not, why? viii.\$15.4 million in 2013/14 for improved mental health and suicide prevention, including through targeted prevention, identification, early intervention and health care services. Is this money still being used for this purpose? If not, why? ix.\$17.6 million in 2013/14 for improved health workforce capacity, quality and mix of the health workforce to meet the requirements of health services, including through training, registration, accreditation and distribution strategies. Is this money still being used for this purpose? If not, why? (c)Has any advice been sought on changes to any of the aforementioned programmes and/ or funding commitments? If so, what programmes and/ or funding commitments have been the subject of departmental advice?</p>	Written QoN	4/2/14	13/2/14
209	8	McLucas	Health Funding	<p>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</p>	Written QoN	3/2/14	13/2/14

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				Government committed to continuing to provide resources for this ongoing measure, and how much?			
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