

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 24 October 2014**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Tackling Smoking Programme Review

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**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

In relation to Tackling Indigenous Smoking teams, in May there were 173 full-time equivalent and 210 people employed in the Tackling Smoking teams and that the unfulfilled full-time equivalent was 171. Can you please provide an update on those figures as of today (24/10/14)?

**Answer:**

The figures provided to the Senate Finance and Administration Committee (the Committee) as at 7 May 2014 should have been 284.4 full-time equivalent (FTE) and 302 people recruited, with the unfilled positions at 59.6 FTE. The Department of Health has written to the Secretary of the Committee to correct the record.

As at 4 November 2014, 241.10 FTE positions were filled by 266 people.

There is a pause in recruitment whilst the programme is being reviewed.