

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: Funding for Aboriginal Health Services

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Dodson, Patrick

Question:

What interaction is occurring between the Country WA PHN and ACCHOs, in particular in relation to Indigenous suicide?

Answer:

Primary Health Networks (PHNs), including the Country WA PHN, are responsible for planning and commissioning regionally appropriate suicide prevention services. PHNs are required to establish and maintain partnerships and integrate with regional stakeholders, including Indigenous organisations.

On 14 October 2016, the Country WA PHN and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation attended a Suicide Prevention Roundtable in Broome to discuss suicide prevention in the Kimberley region. An outcome of the Roundtable was to further investigate extending Aboriginal community controlled health organisations representation on PHNs.