

**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:** National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023

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

**Senator:** Dodson, Patrick

**Question:**

Please profile all the funding for the programs which fall under each of the 7 domains of The Implementation Plan:

- a) Health Systems Effectiveness
- b) Maternal Health and Parenting
- c) Childhood Health and Development
- d) Adolescent and Youth Health
- e) Healthy Adults
- f) Healthy Ageing
- g) Social and Cultural Determinants of Health

**Answer:**

The Indigenous Australians' Health Program (IAHP) provides for \$3.4 billion of funding over 4 years from 2016-17. The strategies and actions in the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023 (the Implementation Plan) are funded through the various lines of activity in the IAHP that directly relate to the outcomes and deliverables.

In addition to specific activities linked to the Implementation Plan, the Australian Government funds approximately 140 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs), plus a smaller number of other providers to deliver comprehensive and culturally appropriate primary health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through the IAHP. This funding totals \$956 million across 2016-17 and 2017-18.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' health is also supported through the following key mainstream programs which provide services across the Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations:

- PBS (total 2016-17 budget: \$10.4 billion)
- MBS (total 2016-17 budget: \$22.7 billion)
- Public hospitals (total 2016-17 budget: \$17.9 billion)

Funding for ACCHSs and mainstream programs is directly linked with improving access to services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, which is a key component of the Implementation Plan.

In regard to part g) Social and Cultural Determinants of Health, as per the requirements of the Implementation Plan, deliverables in the social determinants of health are being developed and will be incorporated into the next iteration of the Implementation Plan for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023. The next iteration is due to be released in 2018.