

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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To: Hon Steve Edgington MLA

Portfolio: Health

Agency: Department of Health

Subject: Budget for prevention and early intervention

QUESTION:

What proportion of the health budget is currently spent on prevention and early intervention?

ANSWER:

Based on the most recently published Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) data (2023-24), the Commonwealth Government and Northern Territory Government contributed a total of \$121 million towards Public Health in the Northern Territory. This represents 4.1% of Northern Territory and Commonwealth Government health funding mapped to Public Health.

The mapping used to identify Public Health-specific funding, including funding that may be embedded across broader agency programs and cost centres, is undertaken annually through the AIHW public health expenditure data submission. As this mapping is completed through the annual AIHW process, 2023-24 is the latest published data available.