

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-11, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-175

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH REFORM

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Why was mental health ignored in the Health Reform Mark II signed by the Prime Minister and state and territory leaders on 13 February?

Answer:

Clause 61 of the COAG Heads of Agreement on national health reform, signed on 13 February 2011, states that the Commonwealth, states and territories agree to pursue further reforms in mental health over the next three years. This work is already underway and COAG have agreed to discuss mental health at their next meeting.