

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Additional Estimates 2013 - 2014, 26 February 2014**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** National Health and Medical Research Council Funding for Mental Health Research

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

**Senator:** McLucas Jan

**Question:**

- a) What is the amount allocated to mental health research?
- b) What percentage of the NHMRC research budget is allocated to mental health?

**Answer:**

- a) The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) does not specifically allocate research funds to health areas. However as a result of the peer review, funds committed in 2013 to research that is relevant to mental health totalled \$81,095,739.
- b) This was 10.1 per cent of the total funds (\$800,508,614) the Australian Government, through NHMRC, committed to health and medical research in 2013.