

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Mental Health Programs and Services

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Is the Department aware that many organisations working in the mental health sector have lost staff and have been forced to cut services because of lack of clarity from the Government regarding future mental health services?

Answer:

On Thursday 2 April 2015, the Minister for Health and Sport, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, announced a 12 month extension, worth almost \$300 million, for the continuation of frontline mental health services.