

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Mental Health

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Senator: Roberts, Malcolm

Question:

The review stated that there has been a steady trend and that the rate of suicide has not changed dramatically over the past 10 years (fact sheet 4, key issue 1) it is also verifiable via the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Have these changes had a negative impact on delivering preventative suicide programs to those that need them most?

Answer:

The Department is not aware of any statistics or activities having a negative impact on delivering suicide prevention programs to those at heightened risk of suicide.