

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017, 1 March 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

**Topic:** Mental Health Services in Residential Care

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

**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

A report (<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129544869>) by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare in 2012 found that more than half of all permanent aged care residents had mild, moderate or major symptoms of depression, and that this figure was probably conservative. Does the Department have any updated figures on the prevalence of mental illness in older Australians?

**Answer:**

No.