

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Review of Suicide and Self-harm Prevention Services

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

What was the outcome of this review? If there is no outcome of the review, has the review even started? Who is doing the review? When is the review supposed to be completed?

Answer:

On 11 August 2016, the Prime Minister, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel and the former Minister for Health and Aged Care announced a review of the services available to veterans and members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) in relation to prevention of self-harm and suicide (the Review). The Review has been conducted by the National Mental Health Commission (the Commission).

The final report on the Review was presented to Government on 28 March 2017 and subsequently publicly released on 30 March 2017. The Commission's report to Government comprises of a *Final Report: Findings and Recommendations*, plus a number of supporting reports, which detail findings from the various research methodologies undertaken throughout the Review. These are available from <https://www.dva.gov.au/health-and-wellbeing/mental-health/national-mental-health-commission-review>

The Government will carefully consider the recommendations of the Commission in determining future actions to strengthen efforts to prevent suicide and self-harm among current and former serving members of the ADF. A response to the Review will be released by 30 June 2017.