

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Mental Health

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Have you done any analysis of the HILDA work in regard to the percentage of people who are receiving income support and who have a mental illness? Have you interrogated any of that information?

Answer:

If the question refers to the work done through the Lifecourse Centre and published as a working paper on “the Bilateral Relationship Between Depressive Status and Employment Status” by Melisa Bubonya, Deborah A Cobb-Clark and David Ribar in March 2017, the department is aware of this work and its findings.