

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Question No: SQ17-000520

Topic: Mental health, comorbidity and budget measures

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

What percentage of income support recipients that have a mental illness and have been identified as having a drug problem, does the research show, are managing their mental illness, for better or for worse, through the use of illicit drugs?

Answer:

Current data is not able to show whether a recipient, who has a primary psychological and psychiatric medical condition and a drug dependent condition recorded is using illicit drugs, or any other type of medication, in order to manage their mental illness.