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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: NATIONAL RECOVERY-ORIENTED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE
FRAMEWORK

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Senator: Senator Wright

Question:

- a) Can you please describe the purpose of the National Recovery-Oriented Mental Health Practice Framework?
- b) Can you please describe the progress of the implementation of this Framework?
- c) What is the total cost of implementing this Framework over forward estimates?
- d) How much funding was allocated to the Framework in the last budget (2012/2013)?

Answer:

- a) The National Recovery-Oriented Mental Health Practice Framework (the Framework) comes out of a broader commitment under Action Four of the Fourth National Mental Health Plan. The purpose of the Framework is to promote the adoption of a recovery oriented culture across all levels of mental health service delivery as part of continuous quality improvement.
- b) The Framework is currently being developed by the Safety and Quality Partnership Subcommittee (SQPS) of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council.

A National Mental Health Recovery Forum was held in June 2012 in Melbourne to promote the concept of recovery oriented mental health practice. In conjunction with the Forum, a consultation process was undertaken to further refine the Framework.

Further progress has included the SQPS looking at other opportunities to promote the principles of the Framework within other national forums.

- c) It is anticipated that implementation would require a joint jurisdictional response with the costs of implementation being considered as part of the development of the Framework by SQPS.
- d) A total of \$228,548.00 (GST excl.) has been allocated to this project. In 2011-12 this included \$67,800.00 (GST excl.) for the development of the Framework and \$136,425.00 (GST excl.) for the national Mental Health Recovery Forum. In 2012-13 \$24,323.00 (GST excl.) has been allocated to finalise the Framework.