

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-304

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: TAKING ACTION TO TACKLE SUICIDE PACKAGE

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

- a) Has the proposed \$274m package been expended or fully allocated across the forward estimates?
- b) Is the Government on target to make the full amount of proposed expenditure?
- c) How has the \$60m of proposed increase in non-clinical support been expended/allocated and if so please provide a full breakdown?

Answer:

- a) The funding under the Taking Action to Tackle Suicide (TATS) package is being rolled out in accordance with budget allocations.

	2011-2012 \$M	2012-2013 \$M	2013-2014 \$M	2014-2015 \$M	2015-2016 \$M	Total
Allocation	60.462	57.280	57.768	58.391	58.753	292.654

- b) Of the 15 originally announced TATS measures, 12 are implemented fully or in part. Funding for the three remaining measures has been consolidated into the mental health reform package announced in the 2011-12 Budget:
 - The Nationally Consistent Reporting commitment moved to the National Mental Health Commission; and
 - The Boosting non-clinical support services and the More community-based psychiatry services funding has been redirected to the Partners in Recovery: Coordinated Support and flexible Funding for People with Severe, Persistent Mental Illness and Complex Needs initiative.

Expenditure under the Taking Action to Tackle Suicide package is progressing in accordance with the budget allocation.

- c) Please refer to the response provided to Question on Notice E12-079.