

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME 11: Mental Health**

**Topic: 10 YEAR MENTAL HEALTH ROADMAP**

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**Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells**

**Question:**

Have all of the key NGO's in the mental health space had the opportunity to provide input/review of the plan? If so, please list them.

**Answer:**

The public consultation process initiated by the Department of Health and Ageing in January and February 2012 resulted in 1,621 survey responses and more than 100 additional detailed submissions.

Approximately 18 per cent of survey respondents (288 people) identified as representatives of an organisation, and 58 or approximately half of the written submissions received by the Department were provided on behalf of an organisation.

The Department of is unable to provide details of survey respondents.

The consultations on the Roadmap held in 2012 complement two rounds of targeted consultations with key experts in 2011, and a workshop on 6 September 2011 facilitated by the Mental Health Council of Australia and funded by the Department of. This forum was attended by approximately 50 participants including consumers and carers, experts, researchers, service providers and other peak advocates.