

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 429

**Topic:** National Framework for Action on Dementia and the House of Representatives Inquiry into Dementia Timely Diagnosis and Intervention

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**Senator Polley** asked:

In 2005 Australian Health Ministers jointly agreed to the development of a National Framework for Action on Dementia 2006-2010. I understand that development of the National Framework for Action on Dementia 2013-2017 is currently in progress and that a series of consultations were held between April and May 2013 across Australia. Public consultations and submissions were expected to be completed by 17 May this year and the House of Representatives Standing Committee report into dementia *Thinking Ahead: Report on the inquiry into dementia: early diagnosis and intervention* anticipated that the outcomes of the consultations would be published mid this year. The Department of Health website shows that the Final Report from the consultations would be made publicly available in late May. These timelines do not appear to have been met. Could you please provide a progress update on this? Any idea of future intentions?

**Answer:**

The public consultations on a new *National Framework for Action on Dementia* have been completed. The report on the consultations is currently being finalised.