

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013

Question: E13-099

OUTCOME: 11 - Mental Health

Topic: Mental Health Treatment

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Boyce

Question:

Can the Department outline any plans to reduce red tape to create more pathways for small communities to receive the support of mental health social workers that they need.

Answer:

The Government has committed to tasking the National Mental Health Commission to assess the effectiveness of all existing mental health programmes across both government and non-government sectors to ensure that services are properly targeted at patients, that services are not being duplicated and that programmes are not being unnecessarily burdened by red tape.