

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Suicide

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**Senator:** Wright, Penny

**Question:**

Leaving aside that particular issue of her pre-election commitment, does the government have any intention to implement the recommendations of that report at any time and what sort of time frame might that have?

**Answer:**

The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that mental health and suicide prevention services are delivered as efficiently and effectively as possible. The Government tasked the National Mental Health Commission (the Commission) to assess the effectiveness of all existing mental health programmes across the government, non-government and private sectors. Suicide prevention programmes and services fall within the scope of the review.

The Commission's final report will inform the Government's future decisions on mental health and suicide prevention, including funding arrangements.