

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 22 October 2014**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** National Mental Health Commission

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Wright, Penny

**Question:**

Did the National Mental Health Commission receive any requests from the government for expert mental health advice in the lead up to the 2014 Budget?

- a) Did the government seek expert advice from the Commission in relation to the impact of their proposed changes to policies and programs affecting young people?
- b) Has the Commission provided any advice to the government in relation to the effects of the Budget on people experiencing mental ill-health?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health is not able to comment on internal consultations that informed matters under consideration in a budget process.