

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: National Mental Health Services Planning Framework

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

What is the status of the National Mental Health Services Planning Framework? Has the final report been submitted to the Commonwealth? If so, when did that occur? What communication has been had with the mental health sector about the Framework following the receipt of the final report?

Answer:

The Final Report for the National Mental Health Service Planning Framework (the Framework) was submitted to the Department of Health in June 2014.

The Project Executive Group comprising representatives from all jurisdictions advised that the materials and decision support tool included in the final report required further testing and validation in the field and subsequent adjustment before finalisation. Discussions have ensued with jurisdictions about a potential approach to this further analysis and validation, and a proposal for this additional work is being considered.