

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: COAG Mental Health Spending

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Ref Page 86, Hansard 1 June – Were the Reconnect and HOME Advice programs part of the COAG 2006-11 Mental Health Spending? When were they commenced.

Answer:

The Reconnect and Household Organisational Management Expenses (HOME) Advice programs both predate the COAG National Action Plan on Mental Health 2006-2011.

Reconnect has been in operation since 1999 as a national early intervention program for young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The Household Organisational Management Expenses (HOME) Advice program commenced as the Family Homelessness Prevention Pilot in 2002 and ran for two years. In 2004 the HOME Advice program was given funding to provide an early intervention program designed to assist families who are at risk of becoming homeless.