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Topic: Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Mental Health Services

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

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What proportion of the 2006-2011 COAG mental health funding was given to multicultural agencies and/or organisations?

Answer:

Currently 14 per cent of Personal Helpers and Mentors participants and 28 per cent of Mental Health Community Based participants are from CALD backgrounds. In Mental Health Respite; Carer Support 13 per cent of all carers assisted are from CALD families.

It is a requirement of funding under the Targeted Community Care (Mental Health) Program that all service providers target their services to vulnerable groups in the community, including people from CALD backgrounds.

In Personal Helpers and Mentors Round 4 a number of organisations received funding to target humanitarian entrants and a number of existing services were expanded to provide additional support to this target group.

Since October 2010 FaHCSIA has provided funding for Targeted Community Care (Mental Health) services to access interpreter services to ensure appropriate and effective service delivery to clients who speak little or no English or have English as a second language. This service provides both telephone and on-site interpreter services.