

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 425

Topic: Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Mental Health Services

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Further to evidence given in relation to the Better Access changes, what role does the department envisage having with Medicare Locals?

Further to evidence given, what opportunities will be available to providers to bid for work? Please provide details of that work.

Answer:

FaHCSIA is working closely with Department of Health and Ageing on the rollout of enhanced local care coordination arrangements that are a key initiative of mental health reform announced in the 2011-12 Budget.

Changes to the Better Access initiatives and implementation of Medicare Locals fall within the responsibilities of the Department of Health and Ageing.

As decisions are made on the implementation of the mental health reform measures, additional Personal Helpers and Mentors and respite services, and Expanding Family Mental Health Support Services, advice will be provided on the FaHCSIA website of selection processes.