

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Additional Estimates 2013 - 2014, 26 February 2014**

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**OUTCOME:** 11 – Mental Health

**Topic:** Appointment of Mental Health Commissioners

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

**Senator:** McLucas Jan

**Question:**

- a) Can you advise how, if at all, the Commissioners whose terms expired in December 2013 were notified that their terms were not to be renewed? When did this occur?
- b) Will the vacant Commissioner positions be filled? If so, please outline the process to identify and appoint them? When will this process commence? When will this process be complete?

**Answer:**

- a) The appointment of National Mental Health Commissioners is a matter for the Australian Government in accordance with usual Government appointment processes. The Commission understands that Commissioners whose terms expired on 31 December 2013, have received a letter from the Minister for Health, the Hon Peter Dutton MP.
- b) This is a matter for the Government.