

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-201

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: QUALITY OF CARE AVAILABLE

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Does the Government have a plan to monitor any impact on the quality of care available to people as a result of these changes? If so, by when? (Refer Page 43 Hansard 30 May).

Answer:

The Department will develop a monitoring strategy to measure the impact of the changes to the Better Access initiative announced in the 2011-12 Budget. This strategy will be developed as part of the implementation process and will include routine monitoring of Medicare data.