

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-288

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: PROGRAM TARGET GROUPS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Are they linked to other programs like PHaMS?
- b) What exactly is the target group?

Answer:

- a) The *Coordinated Care and Flexible Funding for People with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness* 2011-12 Budget measure will not seek to duplicate existing effective services such as the Personal Helpers and Mentors program (PHaMs) but rather ensure individuals are linked to the range of clinical and non clinical services. This will occur through a care facilitator and the development of a multi-agency care plan once an individual's needs have been assessed using a nationally consistent assessment framework.

The measure will draw links with and across all programs that deal with individuals with severe and persistent mental illness with complex needs including social support (for example PHaMs, Support for Day to Day Living in the community), specialist mental health services, housing and vocational support. However, individuals will not have to be participating in programs such as PHaMs in order to receive assessment and access flexible funding (if deemed eligible).

- b) The target group for this measure is individuals with severe and persistent mental illness with complex multi-agency care needs.