

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-289

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: TELEPHONE COUNSELLING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

I refer to the establishment of the portal referred to at p. 61. Is this a continuation of the funding for telephone counselling, self-help and web-based support programme which were part of the COAG mental health package announced on 5 April 2006 of \$56.9 million?

Answer:

No.

Ongoing funding for the *Mental Health Telephone Counselling and Web-based Support Program* is a separate appropriation to the \$14.4 million portal announced under the *Mental Health Reform – establishment of a single mental health online portal* measure announced in the 2011-12 Budget.