

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

How are mental health services and substance abuse services working together to adequately address complex trauma in patients, in order to help patients understand what happened to them and so to collaborate with them towards their recovery?

Answer:

The Australian Government currently provides funding to non-government drug and alcohol treatment services through the Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Program (NGOTGP) and the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund (the Fund).

It is a funding requirement of both the NGOTGP and the Fund that funded organisations collaborate with mental health services, and where appropriate, refer clients for mental health treatment, including clients that are experiencing trauma.