

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME 11: Mental Health**

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**Senator:** Senator Wright

**Question:**

Will Teleweb services be supported to deliver training to GPs and health professionals to respond to and provide adequate support for clients experiencing, or who have experienced, complex trauma?

**Answer:**

At present the Australian Government does not provide specific Teleweb programs to deliver training for GPs working with clients experiencing or who have experienced complex trauma.

Teleweb programs funded to date include crisis support services such as Kids Helpline and Lifeline and a range of online therapy for mild to moderate anxiety and depression and related disorders.

As part of the Australian Government's e-Mental Health Strategy, an e-Mental Health Support Service (the Service) will be established to work with traditional primary health care providers to promote Teleweb services and develop strong linkages between the two sectors.

A role of this Service will be to assist GPs and health professionals to respond to and provide adequate support online for clients experiencing a range of mental health conditions which will include those who have experienced complex trauma.

An open tender process for the establishment of this Service will be undertaken later this year.