

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 30 & 31 May and 1 June 2012

Question: E12-197

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: Lack of Access to Mental Health Services in Rural Areas

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Senator: Senator Wright

Question:

Was any amount allocated under this year's Budget to the Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Areas program?

- a) If so, how much was allocated to that program?
- b) If not, why not and what alternative programs that specifically target rural and remote areas in need of mental health services are available in place of this program?
- c) Can you also please provide details of the total annual amounts allocated to this program over the past 5 years?

Answer:

For the Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Areas (MHSRRA) program;

a) and b)

MHSRRA is an ongoing program with \$16.1 million (GST exclusive) allocated in 2012-13.

c) The following table details the funds allocated to the MHSRRA program over the past five years.

| 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 | 2011-12 |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| \$13.459 million | \$11.248 million | \$13.065 million | \$15.553 million | \$14.941 million |

*Funding amounts are GST exclusive