

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Question: E13-121

OUTCOME: 11 - Mental Health

Topic: National Mental Health Commission's Review of Mental Health Services

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Wright

Question:

More generally than the review, what measures are in place to ensure the independence of the Commission – given that it has been integrated with the Department of Health and reports to the same Minister?

Answer:

The National Mental Health Commission remains an independent Executive Agency and has not been integrated with the Department of Health. It now sits within the Health portfolio, and reports directly to the Minister for Health.