

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013**

**Question:** E13-152

**OUTCOME:** 11 - Mental Health

**Topic:** Review of Mental Health Services

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McLucas

**Question:**

- a) What are the terms of reference for the review announced by the Minister for Health on 10 October 2013?
- b) What resources or funding, if any, will be provided to the Commission to undertake the review?
- c) When is the review due to be completed?
- d) When is the National Mental Health Commission due to report the findings of the review to the Minister?

**Answer:**

- a) The terms of reference have been finalised by the Australian Government and provided to the National Mental Health Commission (the Commission). The decision and timing of any release, is a matter for Government.
- b) The Government, in announcing its election commitment, committed to provide the Commission with any necessary additional resources it needed to carry out the task. The Commission is finalising its project planning and budget and will make a case for any necessary additional resources at the appropriate time.
- c) and d)  
Please refer to part a). The review timeframes are a matter for Government.