

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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

**Question:** E13-247

**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Dementia

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**Senator:** Polley

**Question:**

You are correct that it was in 2005 that the Howard government committed jointly with all Australian health ministers to develop a national framework for action. Can you outline what your intention is with work in this policy area? As the government now, how are you going to further develop that and what policies do you have in place?

**Answer:**

Dementia has been recognised as the ninth National Health Priority Area. The Department of Health will work closely with relevant agencies including the Department of Social Services to ensure close links and engagement on areas of shared interest including dementia. The Government has committed \$200 million for dementia research under its Boost Frontline Healthcare and Research package.