

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-196

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: FUNDS FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

How much of the \$277 million will remain in suicide prevention programs? Please provide the amount of spending in suicide prevention over the forward estimates.

Answer:

Of the \$274 million allocated for 2010-11 to 2013-14 through Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook for the Taking Action to Tackle Suicide package, \$89 million over that same period will be redirected to support the 2011-12 Budget mental health reform package. \$132 million is set aside for specific suicide prevention programs under the Taking Action to Tackle Suicide package over the forward estimates period 2011-12 to 2014-15.