Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-267

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: MULTICULTURAL MENTAL HEALTH AUSTRALIA PROJECT

(MMHA)

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Has MMHA asked for DoHA's advice, support on a number of important matters like the implementation of significant national programs?

Answer:

A transcultural project has been funded by the Australian Government since 1995. The Multicultural Mental Health Australia project operated from March 2003 until 30 June 2011 under the auspices of Sydney West Area Health Service.

During these years the Department would have been contacted by the project managers on a range of issues. For example, more recently the Department's advice was sought on matters relating to the strategic planning process for the project and the subcontracting of various activities.