

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-280

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: MULTICULTURAL MENTAL HEALTH AUSTRALIA PROJECT

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

What proportion of the 2006-2011 COAG mental health funding given to multicultural agencies?

Answer:

No multicultural agencies have been specifically funded under the COAG National Action Plan on Mental Health 2006-2011.

Funding of \$1 million (for the period 2006-07 to 2010-11) was provided to the Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA) to support the capacity of mental health organisations to respond to changing community needs, and provide timely advice to government. As this is regarded as 'core funding' for MHCA to enable it to fulfil its mandate, the Department of Health and Ageing does not require MHCA to report on whether any of this funding is spent on multicultural agencies.