

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-186

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: CRITERIA FOR SETTING UP EPPICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Further to evidence given at CA.55 in relation to the criteria for setting up EPPICs, what is the timetable for discussion of that criteria with states and territories?

Answer:

The implementation approach, including the process for and timing around discussions with states and territories for the 2011-12 Budget EPPIC measure, which commences on 1 July 2011, is currently being finalised.

An initial discussion with states and territories about the EPPIC measure took place at the first meeting of the Senior Officials Mental Health Working Group on 28 June 2011. This group has been formed to progress work with the states and territories on mental health reform, for the Council of Australian Governments' consideration in 2011.