

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-251

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: MULTICULTURAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Given that DoHA is negotiating with a preferred applicant, does it mean that it isn't looking at the current MMHA program and team.

Answer:

At the time of giving its evidence to the Estimates hearing on 30 May 2011, the Department was negotiating with the preferred applicant following a merit based assessment of applications to an Invitation to Apply. This is in line with standard and best practice Departmental procurement processes and the Department was not in a position to disclose the preferred applicant's details at that time.

A new three year funding agreement was executed in June 2011 for the delivery of a revised and refocussed multicultural mental health project.

The project will be delivered by the Queensland Transcultural Mental Health Centre in partnership with the University of Melbourne's Centre for International Mental Health, the Victorian Transcultural Psychiatry Unit, and the University of South Australia's Mental Health Nursing Group, Human Rights and Security Cluster. The Queensland Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Directorate is the fund holder and will offer management and executive support for the project.