

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-255

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: MULTICULTURAL MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT (MMHA)

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

How is MMHA equipped to/authorised to provide advice to the states and territory governments which have their own mechanisms for this purpose?

Answer:

Sydney West Area Health Service, which formerly auspiced the Commonwealth funded Multicultural Mental Health Australia project, established a Joint Officers Group which included state and territory representation. The Group aimed to provide a formal mechanism for all states and territories to contribute to priority setting and the development of the project work plan. The Group also made recommendations on program development to the Mental Health Standing Committee which has multi-jurisdictional representation.