

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

COAG NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON MENTAL HEALTH

Why is the Helping People with a Mental Illness enter and remain in Employment program not mentioned in the current Progress report May 2009? In the 2006-07 COAG progress report published in 2008 it says 2,500 additional Personal Support Programme places were released in 2006-07 but no dollar funding is outlined.

Answer

The Helping People with Mental Illness to Enter and Remain in Employment measure formed part of the Commonwealth's component of the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) National Action Plan on Mental Health 2006–2011 and is the responsibility of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The May 2009 Progress Report is a Department of Health and Ageing report and therefore did not include comment on *The Helping People with Mental Illness to Enter and Remain in Employment* measure.