

Answer to a question on notice by Associate Professor Lynda Matthews, asked at a public hearing in Sydney on 12 July 2018 by Senator O'Neill; received 8 August 2018.

Question: Is there any research into the mental health flow-on effects of industrial deaths and the suicidality in that group? It seems to me that that is a natural consequence of the things you are talking about. From the mental health point of view, access to services is extremely challenging for people. I would ask you to take that on notice.

Answer: I have not been able to find any research that has documented suicidality in next of kin or family following an industrial death. The data may be hidden in the general suicide literature but this data would not be able to be found unless industrial death was flagged as central to the suicide.