

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-013

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: COAG NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FUNDING

Written Question on Notice

Senator Wright asked:

- a) Does the Department have a strategy for ensuring that patients receive well coordinated and integrated care?
- b) If so, is the strategy available?
- c) How is the roll-out of the strategy progressing?

Answer:

- a) Activities in relation to coordinated and integrated mental health care are informed by a number of strategies, including the National Mental Health Policy, the Fourth National Mental Health Plan and COAG National Action Plan on Mental Health.

These strategies are consistent with the Australian Government's mental health reform agenda that recognises the importance of ensuring coordination and integration of care. A key component of the Government's reform agenda is the Ten Year Roadmap for National Mental Health Reform, which is being developed in collaboration with the states and territories. The Roadmap will set out a long-term vision for national reform of the mental health system.

- b) While the Roadmap is still under development, the National Mental Health Policy, the Fourth National Mental Health Plan and COAG National Action Plan on Mental Health are available on the Department of Health and Ageing's website and are located at: [www.health.gov.au/mentalhealth](http://www.health.gov.au/mentalhealth)

Progress on the National Mental Health Strategy including the COAG National Action Plan on Mental Health is reported annually in the National Mental Health Report. The most recent publication is located on the Department of Health and Ageing's website.

- c) The Roadmap is being finalised based on feedback received in the recent consultation and will be available later in 2012.