

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-366

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: TEN YEAR ROADMAP

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Senator Wright asked:

Would you take on notice details of what those forums [consultation with stakeholders] were and who attended?

Answer:

The Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, the Hon Mark Butler MP, attended fourteen community forums in late 2010, facilitated by the Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA) under contract to the Department of Health and Ageing. The forums were advertised on the Australian Government mental health website. Notices of the forum were also circulated by the MHCA. The Department circulated invitations to state and territory Mental Health Directors and they, or their representatives, attended and presented on relevant mental health services in their respective jurisdictions.

The Department does not have details of forum participants, but understands the MHCA conducted an expression of interest process to determine who would be invited. Priority was given to mental health consumers and carers, with remaining spaces allocated to service providers and other relevant organisations.

More than 500 people participated in face to face forums. Where forums were oversubscribed, Minister Butler invited written submissions with a closing date of 15 February 2011.

An online forum was also held on 8 December 2010, hosted by Inspire Foundation via their ReachOut.com website. There were more than 300 visitors to the online forum.

The MHCA's summary of key themes and issues raised through this consultation process is available via its website: www.mhca.org.au

MHCA also facilitated additional sector consultation in August and September 2011. A series of workshops were held at Old Parliament House on specific 2011-12 Budget measures: 11 August 2011, Coordinated Care; September 2011, National Mental Health Commission; and 6 September 2011, Ten Year Roadmap. Reports on these workshops are also available via the MHCA website: www.mhca.org.au

A list of dates, locations and venues for the forums is below:

Location	State	Date	Venue & Address
Adelaide	SA	30 November 2010	Diamond Clubhouse, 19 Kilkenny Road, Woodville Park
Mandurah	WA	02 December 2010	Mandurah Yacht Club, Mary Street, Halls Head
Perth	WA	02 December 2010	Perth Town Hall - corner Barrack Street and Hay Street, Perth
Sydney	NSW	03 December 2010	Platform 10 Conference Centre, Level 10, 1 Lawson Square, Redfern
Newcastle	NSW	03 December 2010	Hunter Room, Newcastle City hall, 290 King Street, Newcastle
Brisbane	Qld	06 December 2010	Merthyr Uniting Church Centre, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm
Canberra	ACT	08 December 2010	Griffin Centre, Room 8, Genge Street, Civic
On-line Inspire Foundation	National	08 December 2010	ReachOut.com
Tamworth	NSW	09 December 2010	Tamworth Community Centre, Corner Peel Street and Darling Street, Tamworth
Launceston	Tas	13 December 2010	University of Tasmania
Hobart	Tas	13 December 2010	University of Tasmania
Melbourne	Vic	14 December 2010	Mind Australia, 86-92 Mount Street, Heidelberg
Darwin	NT	16 December 2010	Bul Bul Conference Room, Travelodge Mirambeena, 64 Cavenagh Road, Darwin
Cairns	Qld	17 December 2010	Brothers Cairns Room 3, 99-105 Anderson Street, Manunda
Atherton	Qld	17 December 2010	Atherton International Club, Kennedy Highway, Atherton