

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013**

**Question: E13-253**

**OUTCOME 11: Mental Health**

**Topic:** Medicare Locals

**Type of Question:** Hansard P104, 13 February 2013

**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

In relation to Medicare Locals I read, and if you can confirm this, that there was an issue about them taking over responsibilities of mental health. Is that correct?

**Answer:**

Two mental health programs, Access to Allied Psychological Services (ATAPS) and Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Australia (MHSRAA), previously provided by divisions of General Practice, transitioned to Medicare Locals. All 61 Medicare Locals are delivering ATAPS services and 21 rural and remote Medicare Locals are also delivering MHSRAA services.