

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.