

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015, 25 February 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** National Mental Health Reform

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Please provide an update on all existing activities under the \$2.2 billion Mental Health Reform Package, including what role the Department plays in leading mental health reform

**Answer:**

The Department plays a national leadership role in improving the lives of Australians with mental illnesses, their families and carers. It achieves this through developing strategies, policies and systems to support reform; and funding a range of programmes focused on mental illness, suicide prevention and drug and alcohol treatment programmes. These programmes cover prevention, early intervention, treatment services and promotion activities.

Please refer to 2014-15 Portfolio Budget Statements – Programme 5.4 Mental Health for programme details.