

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Components of the National Perinatal Depression Initiative Funding

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Senator: Gallagher, Katy

Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: That initiative had money that went to *beyondblue*. It had money that went to the states and territories and it had another third component. I am trying to recall where that went.

Mr Cormack: We will give you a breakdown of that program, but the salient point is that the national partnership agreement concluded and it was not renewed.

Answer:

The Commonwealth initially contributed \$55 million over five years (2008-09 to 2012-13) to the National Perinatal Depression Initiative. The agreement was subsequently extended with Commonwealth investment of:

- \$16.6 million over two years (until 2014-15) to state and territory governments to continue to support the roll out of universal screening of women, support services, and training for health professionals;
- \$15 million over three years (until 2015-16) to the Access to Allied Psychological Services component of the Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care Program to support treatment for women with perinatal depression; this funding is to be continued but delivered via Primary Health Networks for the next three financial years; and
- \$2 million over four years (until 2016-17) to *beyondblue* to continue to provide on-line training for health professionals and to raise community awareness about perinatal depression nationally.