

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

How does the Department expect to monitor the impact of the transition of community mental health programs such as the Mental Health Nurse Incentive Program, if it does not collect information indicating the workforce levels against the amount and type of services being provided across the PHN regions?

Answer:

All Primary Health Networks are currently required to report against 11 mandatory service delivery and two program management Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) as part of their funding Schedule for the Primary Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Flexible Funding Pool. This reporting is both qualitative and quantitative through activity reporting and the Primary Mental Healthcare Minimum Data Set (PMHC MDS). Development of the KPIs and the PMHC MDS are currently being finalised and build on the already existing data collections for mental health programs.