

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Fifth National Mental Health Plan

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Senator: O'Neill, Deborah

Question:

Will the Fifth National Mental Health Plan be integrated with other Government strategies? That is, PHN reform and the National Mental Health Commission's recommendations for example.

How will it be integrated with other strategies or will the Fifth Mental Health Plan be a stand-alone document?

Answer:

Yes. The Fifth Plan is a Health Minister's plan that articulates a set of nationally agreed priority areas and actions that governments will work collaboratively on over the next five years. The actions within the Fifth Plan will seek to complement current reforms and activities underway across jurisdictions, including Commonwealth mental health reform initiatives and activities being undertaken by states and territories.