

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-268

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: MULTICULTURAL MENTAL HEALTH AUSTRALIA PROJECT
(MMHA)

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Has the MMHA program provided advice about how delivery of multicultural mental health services are progressing across the nation and invited DOHA's input, advice, support on a number of important matters such as the implementation of significant national programs? Has DOHA responded to these? If so, please provide copies

Answer:

A transcultural project has been funded by the Australian Government since 1995. The Multicultural Mental Health Australia project operated from March 2003 until 30 June 2011 under the auspices of Sydney West Area Health Service.

There has been dialogue between the Department and the Sydney West Area Health Service regarding the delivery of outputs described in the funding agreement throughout the life of the project. As described in the response provided to E11-267, during these years the Department would have been contacted by the project managers on a range of issues.

The staffing resources necessary to search for the Department's responses to these contacts and requests would be significant and therefore the Department is not in a position to provide copies.