

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-208

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) How was it established?
- b) How were the members chosen?
- c) Who chose them?
- d) What was the process for the establishment of the Technical Advisory Group

Answer:

a), b), c), and d)

The Better Access Evaluation Project Steering Committee (PSC) was established in accordance with standard Departmental committee policy.

Members were invited to participate following approval of the PSC's Terms of Reference and membership by the Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon Nicola Roxon MP. All members were required to sign an Acceptance of Appointment Form and a Deed of Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Form.

PSC members were selected on the basis of their specific experience, expertise and knowledge in relation to program evaluation and the delivery of mental health services. They were appointed as individuals not representatives of their professional organisation(s).