

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-211

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Is the Technical Advisory Group referred to at page 44 the same as the expert working group convened by Minister Butler "to advise him on the mental health package as part of the budget" and referred to at page 49?

Answer:

No. The Better Access Evaluation Project Steering Committee was established in January 2009 specifically to advise on the Better Access evaluation. The Mental Health Expert Working Group was established in December 2010 to provide advice to the Australian Government on mental health reform directions from a cross sectoral perspective to inform the Government's Budget decisions.