

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-221

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: MENTAL HEALTH

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 this expert working group?
(Refer Page 49 Hansard 30 May.)

Answer:

a) and d)

The Mental Health Expert Working Group was established by the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, the Hon Mark Butler MP, at the request of the Prime Minister, the Hon Julia Gillard MP, and the Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon Nicola Roxon MP.

b) and c)

Twelve members were appointed by the Minister for Health and Ageing, as individual experts on broader social care and participation issues affecting people with mental illness. Membership was settled in consultation with other relevant Commonwealth Portfolios.