

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-232

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

What role, if any, will DoHA have in the day to day activities of the National Mental Health Commission? (Refer page 56 Hansard 30 May).

Answer:

The National Mental Health Commission is being established within the Prime Minister's Portfolio by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) is supporting the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in this process.

It is expected that DoHA will have a close working relationship with the Commission, as will a range of other agencies, reflecting the cross-portfolio nature of the Commission's remit.