

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2013-14, 5/6 & 7 June 2013**

**Question: E13-053**

**OUTCOME: 1 – Population Health**

**Topic:** McKeon Strategic Review of Health and Medical Research

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Boyce

**Question:**

When will we see the Government's response to the McKeon Strategic Review of Health and Medical Research and its recommendations for increased funding for research, including in national health priority areas such as dementia?

**Answer:**

The Government is committed to further strengthening Australia's health and medical research capacity into the future and has promised to protect existing funding for the National Health and Medical Research Council over the forward estimates. This includes providing an additional \$200 million to dementia research.

The Government is preparing a comprehensive response to the McKeon Review that will improve how we do and use research in Australia.

The McKeon Review found that Australia has one of the world's best performing health systems. However, new strategies are needed to drive improvements in health care through a renewed and fully integrated health and medical research sector.