

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

(to Prof. Halton) When was it last on the agenda of the ministerial council? (The National Mental Health Service Planning Framework)

Answer:

The National Mental Health Service Planning Framework (NMHSPF) has not been submitted to the COAG Health Council.

The NMHSPF was on the agenda at the 28 November 2013 Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) Chief Executive Officers meeting.

It was also on the agenda of the 7 February 2014 Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Principal Committee (MHDAPC) meeting. Members noted that the Project Executive Group was awaiting the final report from New South Wales and that there was 6 – 12 months more work required to finalise the Framework.