

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 & 30 May 2017

Ref No: SQ17-000878

OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Mental Health Reform

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: O'Neill, Deborah

Question:

Digital Mental Health Gateway:

The Digital Mental Health Gateway went to tender in October last year. There is yet to be an outcome of the tender process. Can the Department confirm if the Minister has received advice and made a decision?

Answer:

In October 2016, the Department of Health invited a select number of organisations (utilising the Digital Transformation Office's Digital Service Professionals Panel) to submit a response to a Request for Quotation (RFQ) process for the procurement of services to build and operate an online presence for the digital mental health gateway, Head to Health.

The outcome of this process was reported on the Austender website on 9 December 2016 under Contract Notice View – CN3392829. The conduit for the contractual relationship was a Deed of Standing Offer.