

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Mental Health Roadmap

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

**Senator:** O'Neill, Deborah

**Question:**

Question on Notice SQ17-000421 relates to the National Mental Health Roadmap. With the Department advising that the “website became broken” is there any progress in regards to the Department reviewing and updating the website and reinstating the roadmap? Can the Department confirm that the 10-year roadmap will be part of the Fifth National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan? If not, why not?

**Answer:**

Yes. In the response to SQ17-000421 it was noted that a recent refresh of the COAG website led to the Department of Health’s website no longer linking correctly to the COAG-hosted Roadmap for national mental health reform (the Roadmap). This has now been fixed. The Department of Health’s website has been updated, and the link now takes the viewer to the COAG Meeting Communiqué from 7 December 2012, which includes versions of the Roadmap in both word and PDF formats.

No. Through its response to the Commission’s *Review of Mental Health Services and Programmes*, the Australian Government is setting a new direction for mental health reform, titled ‘Strengthening Mental Health in Australia’. The Australian Government is also working with state and territory Health Ministers on the development of the Fifth National Mental Health Plan.