

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 in Multicultural Australia

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Collins, Jacinta

Question:

Why has there been such a delay in implementing a MHiMA program update when the report providing advice on future directions of the program 'Mental Health in Multicultural Australia Project - Recommendations for Future Directions Report' has been with the Department since April of 2016, over a year ago

Answer:

The Mental Health in Multicultural Australia Project – Recommendations for Future Directions Report made a number of recommendations for consideration by Government.

The Department of Health has given careful consideration to the recommendations in the context of the Government's mental health reforms. The Department has also consulted with central agencies and sought approval from the Federal Executive Council for a new legislative item under the Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations.