

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 May 2017**

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

**Topic:** Telehealth

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

**Senator:** Griff, Stirling

**Question:**

- a) Why are GPs not allowed to provide telehealth consultations for patients from rural and remote locations?
- b) Why are telehealth items only limited to specialists and psychologists?

**Answer:**

The measure will improve access to focused psychological therapies provided by allied mental health providers.

Providers who will be eligible for funding were determined by Government.