

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Suicide Prevention

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Griff, Stirling

Question:

The Living is for Everyone (LIFE) Framework has been running since 2000 and was updated in 2007. What evidence of effectiveness does the Department have of this program?

Answer:

Originally developed in 2000 and updated in 2007, the LIFE Framework outlines the vision, purpose, principles, action areas and proposed outcomes for suicide prevention in Australia. In 2011 the LIFE Framework was endorsed by the Australian Health Ministers' Council and adopted in all jurisdictions as Australia's overarching evidence-based strategic policy framework for suicide prevention activities. The Department does not collect evidence or data on the effectiveness of this strategic document but rather evaluation and outcome measures typically occur at the program or project level.