

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: National Dementia Strategy development

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Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

Can you confirm whether or not the Government intends to develop a national dementia strategy?

Answer:

The National Framework for Action on Dementia 2015-2019 (the Framework) was released in 2015, with joint endorsement from the Australian Health Ministers. It was developed under the auspices of the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council following an extensive national consultation process involving people with dementia, their carers, families, peak bodies that represent them, clinicians and service providers.

The Framework guides Commonwealth, state and territory governments to create a strategic, collaborative and cost effective response to dementia across Australia. There are no plans to create an additional national dementia strategy while the Framework is current.