

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-351

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: MENTAL HEALTH REFORM

Written Question on Notice:

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Given the complex and interdepartmental nature of mental health, what will be the ongoing level of engagement of the Prime Minister and relevant Cabinet Ministers in the reform process?

Answer:

Mental health reform, as well as policy and program development and implementation, often requires whole of government consideration, and therefore cross-portfolio and multi-agency involvement.

The ongoing level of engagement of the Prime Minister and relevant Cabinet Ministers in the reform process will be a matter for consideration of Government.