

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-399

OUTCOME: 11: Mental Health

Topic: National Advisory Council on Mental Health (NACMH)

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Given the strong comments that have been made by Professor Mendoza, will the government potentially look at some sort of change of compensation or roles and operation of the council, or give thought to some alternative structure? Professor Mendoza's comments are very strident, so does the government intend to take those onboard in terms of where it goes on this committee.

Answer:

The Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, the Hon Mark Butler MP, has met with a number of mental health experts and stakeholders, including the National Advisory Council on Mental Health. These discussions are informing consideration of the structure of advisory arrangements for mental health.