

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 21 October 2011

Question: E11-092

OUTCOME 8: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

Topic: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING PROGRAM

Written Question on Notice

Senator Siewert asked:

In regards to the development of the new Social and Emotional Wellbeing Framework also announced in the 2011 Budget:

- a) Will this framework be developed by the Department or outsourced to a consultancy?
- b) What is the timeframe for developing this new Social and Emotional Wellbeing Framework?
- c) When does the Department expect this work to begin and to end?

Answer:

- a) – c) The renewal of the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Framework - a commitment of all Australian governments under the Fourth National Mental Health Plan - will be progressed through the national Mental Health Standing Committee. While the Department of Health and Ageing has proposed to lead this work, it will be a joint response of the Commonwealth and State and Territory governments. A proposed approach and associated timeframes is being determined by this committee.