

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 21 October 2011

Question: E11-094

OUTCOME 8: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

Topic: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING PROGRAM

Written Question on Notice

Senator Siewert asked:

In regards to Bringing them Home Counsellors (now to be renamed Social and Emotional Wellbeing Counsellors as a result of the changes announced in the 2011 Budget): Will Stolen Generations members continue to be the primary and priority client group for the Social and Emotional Wellbeing services? If so, how is this articulated in public policy and measured?

Answer:

Yes, Stolen Generations will continue to be the priority client group for the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Program.

This is articulated in the public information available on the program and specified in the operating manuals which outline the requirements for service provision. It is measured through the targets for Link Up services that are reported in the Department of Health and Ageing's Annual Report. The focus on the Stolen Generations by the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Program is also measured through regular reporting required of all funded services and published annually in Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services* report.

In addition, the Department of Health and Ageing provides funding to the Stolen Generations Alliance and the National Sorry Day Committee to represent the views of members of the Stolen Generations, and these bodies are involved with public policy documents such as the Stolen Generations Working Partnership.