

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-020

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: CHRONIC DISEASES

Senator Di Natale asked:

Can the Department advise the aggregate program spending for dementia and also for mental health for 2011-12 and forward years?

Answer:

There are no specific combined programs for dementia and mental health for 2011-12 and into the forward years.

Program funding – Dementia 2011-12

Australian Government support for people with dementia and their carers includes:

- \$135.7 million – for Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia Packages to support people in their own homes;
- \$30 million – for service improvement including information provision, counselling, service referral, and education and training; and
- \$8.5 million – to the National Health and Medical Research Council for dementia research.

In addition, the Government provides funding of \$8.3 billion for the care of people in aged care homes, of whom around 52 per cent have a diagnosis of dementia.

Program funding - Mental Health 2011-12

- \$422.3 million – Mental Health Specific Expenditure and Budget.

Aggregated funding - Dementia

Program	Budget 2012-13	Budget 2013-14	Budget 2014-15
	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)
Extended Aged Care at Home Dementia Packages	150,376	168,509	176,704
Dementia Research	8,678	8,834	8,894
Dementia Improved Care & Training	22,485 ¹	22,889 ²	23,045 ²
Aggregated Funding for Dementia	181,539	177,343	185,598

¹ Committed Funding

² Estimated Funding

Aggregated funding – Mental health

	Budget 2012-13	Budget 2013-14	Budget 2014-15
	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	(\$'000)
Total Mental Health Specific Expenditure and Budget	559,684	644,369	735,625

The estimates are Department of Health and Ageing administered funding only (i.e. do not include Departmental related expenditure) and do not include Medicare Benefits Schedule or Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme mental health related expenditure.