

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-434

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: MENTAL HEALTH WORK IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

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Senator Furner asked:

Are you able to provide any contemporary data to the committee, particularly in respect of that area of construction workers and suicide prevention?

Do they (*beyondblue*) only do it in Victoria though?

Answer:

Through the National Suicide Prevention Program, the Department currently funds five projects targeting workers in the building and mining industries:

Project Organisation	Project Name	Project Period	Total Amount (GST exclusive)
Oz Help Foundation	Apprentices Project ACT	2011-12 to 2012-13	\$836,906
Oz Help Foundation Western Australia	REAL4Mii	2011-12 to 2012-13	\$744,693
Oz Help Foundation	Apprentices Project NT	2011-12 to 2012-13	\$777,921
Oz Help Tasmania Foundation	Workplace Training & Education	2011-12 to 2012-13	\$500,000
Redundancy Payment Central Fund (Victoria)	Incolink	2011-12 to 2012-13	\$540,176
			\$3,399,696

As part of the Taking Action to Tackle Suicide package, the Australian Government is providing \$11 million to *beyondblue* to expand their National Workplace Program, to provide more support and services to men under the *Targeting men who are at greatest risk of suicide but least likely to seek help* component. The construction industry is included in *beyondblue*'s national workplace program.

In addition, the Department is aware of Mates in Construction's work in this area.

beyondblue provide their national workplace program to the construction industry in each state and territory, not just Victoria.