

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-183

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: EXPENDITURE OVER 5 YEARS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

“Further to the indication given, please find attached a table based on information provided in Budget Paper No.2 –Part 2: Expense Measures Health and Ageing, 2006-07. Could you please complete the table by providing information in relation to estimated and actual expenditure for each item covering the 5 years 2006-2011. (Refer page 38 Hansard 30 May.)

Answer:

Please see attached table provided by Senator Fierravanti-Wells, and completed by the Department of Health and Ageing. Requested information is provided in the shaded columns.

In addition, you may wish to refer to the COAG Annual Progress Reports, which provide information on allocations and overall expenditure.

You may also wish to refer to the Department’s monthly COAG National Action Plan on Mental Health Progress reports, which are available on the internet at:  
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/mentalhealth/publishing.nsf/Content/coag-lp>

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By: SENATOR FIERRAVANTI-WELLS

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**Health and Ageing COAG Mental Health National Action Plan (2006-11) – shaded columns completed by the Department of Health and Ageing**

	<i>Expense Measures</i>	2006-07 Estimate (\$m)	2006-07 Actual (\$m)	2007-08 Estimate (\$m)	2007-08 Actual (\$m)	2008-09 Estimate (\$m)	2008-09 Actual (\$m)	2009-10 Estimate (\$m)	2009-10 Actual (\$m)	2010-11 Estimate (\$m)	2010-11 Actual (\$m)	Total over 5 years (\$m)	Comment
1	Better access to psychiatrists, psychologists & GPs through the Medicare Benefits Schedule	49.8	134.1	92.0	337.8	108.6	445.8	130.2	529.2	156.2	606.7	2053.7	Includes education and training programs and expenditure on Medicare Benefits Scheme benefits paid under the Better Access program. Does not include actual Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme expenditure as this is not separately identifiable.
2	New funding for mental health nurses	1.4	1.4	23.9	5.4	37.7	14.0	54.6	12.8	72.4	28.7	62.4	This is a demand driven program. Estimate amounts taken from Budget Paper No. 2 – Part 2: Expenses Measures Health and Ageing and do not reflect amendments made in subsequent Budgets.
3	Improved services for people with drug and alcohol problems & mental illness	3.2	3.2	19.4	12.4	23.7	24.0	24.4	18.3	18.3	17.5	75.5	Estimate amounts taken from Budget Paper No. 2 – Part 2: Expenses Measures Health and Ageing and do not reflect amendments made in subsequent Budgets.
4	Expanding suicide prevention programmes	9.6	9.6	10.9	10.9	12.3	12.3	13.7	13.7	15.2	15.2	61.7	
5	Funding for telephone counselling, self help & web-based support programmes	6.6	6.5	11.9	11.9	12.3	12.3	12.8	12.8	12.9	12.9	56.4	

<i>Capital Measures</i>	2006-7 Estimate (\$m)	2006-07 Actual (\$m)								
Budget funding provided through individual measures for infrastructure are aggregated to support whole of department capital projects. The 2006-07 COAG Mental Health package provided \$4.706m for infrastructure, all in 2006-07. This funding has been used to support the staff accommodation upgrades which have occurred in recent years.										
Better access to psychiatrists, psychologists & GPs through the Medicare Benefits Schedule	0.9	0.9								
New funding for mental health nurses	0.4	0.4								
Improved services for people with drug and alcohol problems & mental illness	0.4	0.4								
Expanding suicide prevention programmes	0.7	0.7								
Funding for telephone counselling, self help & web-based support programmes	0.4	0.4								
Mental health services in rural & remote areas	0.4	0.4								
Support for day-to-day living in the community	0.4	0.4								
Additional education places, scholarships and clinical training in mental health	0.3	0.3								
New early intervention services for parents, children & young people	0.3	0.3								
Alerting the community to links between illicit drugs & mental illness	0.3	0.3								
Improving the capacity of health workers in Indigenous communities	0.1	0.1								
Mental health in tertiary curricula	0.2	0.2								