

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Health Care

**Topic:** Primary Health Care Advisory Group

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**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Were there any interactions between the expert reference group on mental health and the Primary Health Care Advisory Group?

**Answer:**

Mechanisms for ongoing communication have been established through ex-officio membership of senior Departmental officers on both the Expert Reference Group on Mental Health and the Primary Health Care Advisory Group (PHCAG).

In addition to individual consumers, carers and providers, throughout its national consultation process the PHCAG consulted with a number of key mental health stakeholders, including Mental Health Australia and the Australian Psychological Society.