

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Mental Health Programs

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Senator: O'Neill, Deborah

Question:

Senator O'NEILL: There was a commitment, by my understanding, by the government to maintain mental health funding in its response to the national mental health written report.

Mr Bowles: Again, I will take it on notice. It was MYEFO, which was around 12 months ago. We have had a budget, we have had an election, we have had election commitments and we have moved into a different phase. I will take it on notice. I understand.

Answer:

The 2016 Final Budget Estimates (published in May 2016) for Mental Health show continued growth of 7% over 2015-16 to 2018-19 forward estimates.

\$2.6 billion will be invested in mental health programs over four years (2016-17 to 2019-20).