

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 Nursing Services

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

What provisions for service will be available for people who are unable to access the digital model of service?

Answer:

PHNs are required to commission primary mental health services within a person-centred stepped care approach, so that a range of service types are available within local regions to better match with individual and local population needs.

Digital services are part of a suite to complement a stepped care approach and will be available for people who can access them. These are in addition to face-to-face mental health services.