

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 19 October 2016**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Funding for Suicide Awareness

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

Can the Department detail the amount of funding that is allocated to suicide awareness days around suicide prevention and mental health? This includes days such as R U OK? Day, World Suicide Prevention Day, World Mental Health Day and Mental Health Week as well as the organisations that have received funding since 2013 and across the forward estimates?

**Answer:**

Total funding to the value of \$2,425,000 (GST exclusive) over seven years (2012-13 to 2018-19) has been committed to Mental Health Australia for the World Mental Health Day Project.

Total funding to the value of \$1,590,900 (GST exclusive) over five years (2012-13 to 2016-17) has been committed to R U OK? Limited for R U OK? Day activities. Current funding arrangements for R U OK? Limited will cease on 31 March 2017.

The department is currently progressing an approach to market for national suicide prevention leadership and support activity including national media and communication strategies. Future funding may be provided to organisations for mental health and suicide prevention awareness activities should they be successful in the approach to market process.