

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Suicide Prevention

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas Jan

Question:

Is the National Suicide Prevention Strategy currently under review?

- a. When was the Review initiated, and by who?
- b. What are the Terms of Reference for the Review?
- c. When will the Review be completed?
- d. Can you please provide an update on the progress of the Review?

Answer:

- a) On 10 October 2013, the Minister for Health and the Minister for Sport, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, announced that the Australian Government had tasked the National Mental Health Commission (NMHC) to undertake a national review of mental health services and programmes. This review encompasses services and programmes that have a main objective of suicide prevention.
- b) The terms of reference for the review can be found on the NMHC's website at www.mentalhealthcommission.gov.au
- c) The final report will be provided to the Government by 30 November 2014.
- d) The NMHC has responsibility for the conduct of the review and this question should be referred to the Commission.