

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question:

1. To what extent will the Medical Research Future Fund (the Fund) include research into mental health?
2. To what extent will the Fund's research priorities depend on the prevalence of mental health conditions, and the proportion of the national burden of disease that these comprise?

Answer:

The Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) is to be established on 1 January 2015, subject to the successful passage of legislation. Specific criteria to determine research priorities for funding from the MRFF will be finalised following the passage of legislation.