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Question:

Can the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet provide details of:

- a) How the inclusion of a “Closing the Gap” target for mental health will be implemented?
- b) The timeframes for implementation of this measure within Closing the Gap?
- c) The specific evaluative frameworks that Prime Minister and Cabinet has identified to inform the ongoing monitoring and progress of this measure?
- d) How this measure will be used to inform investment that specifically targets best practice, culturally secure service expansion, and is tied to a common needs based planning approach across all Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol, Social and Emotional Wellbeing programs targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

Answer:

The Government’s Response to the Review of Mental Health Programmes and Services does not propose a Closing the Gap target for mental health.