



STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AGEING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
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**Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**15 November 2017**

Asked by Ms Le Couteur:

In relation to:

1. How often do the Mental Health Advisory Council meet?

Mr Rattenbury: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The Mental Health Advisory Council is established under the *Mental Health Act 2015*. The Act states that “meetings of the mental health advisory council are to be held when and where it decides. However, the mental health advisory council must meet at least once each quarter”<sup>1</sup>

The Mental Health Council have agreed to initially meet every two months and then move to quarterly meetings. Council members have also agreed to address urgent matters out of session.

The Council have met on three occasions this year.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health, Ageing and Community Services

Signature:

Date:

22/11/17

By the Minister for Mental Health, Shane Rattenbury MLA

<sup>1</sup> Mental Health Act 2015, clause 241