

National Eye Health Stocktake findings

Government activity

A total of 205 activities were reported by the Commonwealth, state and territory governments covering the three year period of approximately mid-2008 to mid-2011.

These activities were mapped against the National Framework showing that when combined, activity covered all Key Action Areas with an emphasis on equitable access to quality services and on prevention and early intervention

Mapping against the larger number of Action Areas that give greater definition to the five Key Action Areas under the National Framework, showed that consistent attention is being given to raising public awareness to meet multiple objectives. Emphasis was also given to a range of issues affecting access to services including workforce supply, distance and affordability. A similar level of attention was given to service integration and the development of the specialist workforce to improve systems and quality of care. While activities foster quality and targeted research, there was less emphasis on Actions under building the evidence base.

Non Government activity

A high level of activity was reported for all Key Action Areas when the 131 activities were combined for the 30 NGOs consulted.

Specific Actions most influenced by non government activity related to raising public awareness through production of targeted communication materials and through activities to improve knowledge of services.

Non government activity mapped against the National Framework from a sample of organisations suggested that the complementary nature of activity to that of government is extensive and overlapping.