

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 11 - Mental Health

**Topic:** Suicide Prevention

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** McLucas Jan

**Question:**

I understand the Wesley Mission has been funded to establish their Life Force Suicide Prevention Networks Program in Cairns and Cooktown. Can you provide an update on where this is up to?

**Answer:**

The Wesley Mission has been funded to deliver a range of Suicide Prevention Networks across Australia, by reaching at risk populations who do not currently receive Wesley LifeForce or equivalent services.

While a Network in Far North Queensland had been planned, this is no longer being progressed as a range of services already exist within the Cairns region that provide suicide prevention, postvention, and mental health support services. These include the StandBy Suicide Bereavement Response Service, the Culture Rebound – Connected Yarrabah Youth programme, headspace Cairns and the Doctor Edward Koch Foundation.