

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centres

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Senator: McLucas Jan

Question:

What work has occurred on the five new centres to be established? Where will they be located? When are they due to be completed?

Answer:

The Minister for Health, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, has approved the establishment of a further four Early Psychosis Youth Services in Canberra, Hobart, Darwin, and the Gold Coast. The Department of Health is working with headspace to ensure that services are available in these sites as soon as possible.

The location of the fifth site (the ninth in total) will be considered in the context of local youth populations and availability of local acute services to support service delivery.

headspace is in the process of developing advice to Government to inform decisions on the ninth, and final, Early Psychosis Youth Service site. Approval of the final location rests with the Minister for Health.