

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: Expansion of Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centres (EPPIC)

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

In relation to the EPPIC allocation, the \$222 million over the five years for the 12 new EPPICs. According to the figures, about \$9.2 million was allocated in 2011-12. I take it from your answer that this money has been allocated but it has not been spent? How is this money being allocated and on which EPPICs?

Answer:

The 2011-12 year was intended to be a year of development for the EPPIC measure. An Expression of Interest (EOI) process, to which each state and territory submitted an application, is currently being finalised and details as to where EPPICs will be located and the funding to be allocated will be available following this process. As no jurisdictions sought funding in 2011-12, the \$9.2 million allocated in that year was not spent.