

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 Wright

Question:

I am interested in the rollout and progress of the Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centres (EPPICs). Can you please provide details? In particular, I am interested in hearing about:

- a) The total amount of funding that has been allocated to the establishment of EPPICs in the previous three Budgets (including this year's Budget);
- b) The total amount of money that has been expended to date on the rollout of EPPICs;
- c) How many EPPICs have been built, or where building has begun, throughout Australia; and
- d) If no centre has yet been built, when will that occur and why has it not occurred given that funding was first allocated in 2010?

Answer:

- a) The total funding allocated to establish Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centres (EPPIC) is \$247.9 million, comprising \$25.5 million over four years allocated in 2010-11 for four centres, and a further \$222.4 million over five years allocated in 2011-12 for a further 12 centres.
- b) As at 1 June 2012, the Commonwealth had provided \$0.3 million to Orygen Youth Health Research Centre to support states and territories in the development and refinement of service delivery plans and bids as part of a national call for expressions of interest.

c) and d)

The 2010-11 Budget measure to establish four EPPICs was delayed in order to incorporate it into the expanded EPPIC measure that formed part of the 2011-12 Mental Health Reform budget package.

The measure is the subject of ongoing discussion with state and territory governments, following the call for expression of interest. Decisions about premises, including whether new construction is needed, will be a matter for state governments once sites have been agreed with the Commonwealth.