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Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

In relation to the current sites operating as a hub and spoke model or with outreach services: Please provide details in relation to each. What was the process in relation to establishing the outreach services? Was this part of the original requirement when that site was established or did it evolve afterwards? Please provide details.

Answer:

The headspace expansion, as provided for in the 2011-12 Budget, is underpinned by the principle of developing a service model that includes outreach and inreach capability. When established and where resources allow, this will include innovative approaches to outpost/hybrid options, to support greater access to dispersed populations where appropriate and feasible and to maximize geographical reach of services for young people.

A satellite is when the main site (the hub) has developed a critical mass and is fully operationalising all components of the headspace model and seeks to set up an ongoing out posted site (spoke/outpost) in a surrounding community. This requires ongoing infrastructure, operational support, staffing, supervision and clinical governance from the main site. This could involve a presence ranging from one to two half days per week through to five days per week and may or may not involve all components of the headspace platform. Applications to headspace national office are completed to ensure that appropriate resourcing and local capacity is sustainable for such work.

Information on sites offering satellite sources can be found in the table attached to E12-323.