

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**Question: E13-240**

**OUTCOME:** 11 – Mental Health

**Topic:** eheadspace

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**Senator:** McLucas

**Question:**

Can the department provide me with an explanation of the difference between eheadspace and the e-mental health platform?

**Answer:**

eheadspace is an online and phone-based service that provides free and confidential support and psychological services to young people between the ages of 12 and 25 with, or at risk of developing, a mild to moderate mental illness.

The Government has made a commitment to fund the Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre, \$5 million over three years, to develop a comprehensive e-mental health platform that will bring together a range of existing services, both face-to-face and online. This single integrated platform will make it easier for young people to access advice and support 24 hours a day. eheadspace will be one of several services offered to young people using the new platform.