

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-105

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: SERVICE OF EPPIC TO REMOTE COMMUNITIES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

What would the “some sort of service” offered under the EPPIC banner to remote communities be?

Answer:

As stated by the Department on 30 May 2011 (Hansard page 56) “The intent in promoting the Early Psychosis Prevention and Early Intervention (EPPIC) model is also to build the knowledge base, which is then going to flow on to other youth mental health services and conceivably services provided to Indigenous people in other remote areas.”

It is intended that each EPPIC funded under the measure will operate as a best practice model and play an advisory and support role to broader jurisdictional early psychosis services through training and education.

Details on how this will work in each site will be determined in consultation with state and territory governments in the implementation of the measure.