

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11 - 499

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: MENTAL HEALTH - HEADSPACE

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

From the document I cannot ascertain what the funding is for each of those headspace sites. Could you take on notice the funding for each of those headspace sites?

Answer:

headspace, consistent with its independent company status, allocates funding to service sites for establishment and operating funding within the total Australian Government funding allocated for the project. During 2010, headspace developed a new funding model to underpin allocations to sites that is more sensitive to factors such as population, catchment size, occasions of service and number of young people, regionality and market rental rates.

The 10 new sites currently being established by headspace are being provided with \$300,000 for establishment costs. Annual funding will vary for each site according to the factors above but will be on average \$842,000 per annum. Importantly, headspace site funding, as announced in the 2011-12 Budget, is now based on headspace's own business case to Government for additional funding.