

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS

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Senator Wright asked:

Can you identify those 30 organisations and what they do [funding to 30 organisations under the Mental Health Services in rural and Remote Areas Program].

Answer:

The Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Areas Program aims to provide greater access to mental health services for those living in rural and remote areas of Australia.

The Program provides funding for mental health professionals in communities that would otherwise have little or no access to mental health services, and is designed to address inequities in access to the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) by targeting areas where access to MBS subsidised mental health services is low.

The following 30 organisations receive funding under the Mental Health Services in Rural and Remote Areas Program, to deliver mental health services in more than 200 communities in rural and remote Australia by appropriately trained mental health care workers, including psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists, mental health nurses, Aboriginal health workers and Aboriginal mental health workers.

State	Organisation funded	
NSW	Barwon Division of General Practice	Hunter Rural Division of General Practice
	North West Slopes Division of General Practice	Royal Flying Doctor Service NSW
	Dubbo Plains Division of General Practice	New England Division of General Practice
	NSW Outback Division of General Practice	Southern GP Network
QLD	Central QLD Division of General Practice	RHealth
	Far North QLD Rural Division of General Practice	Wuchopperen Health Service
	Royal Flying Doctor Service QLD	North and West QLD Primary Health Care

VIC	Goulbourn Valley Division of General Practice	North East VIC Division of General Practice
	Mallee Division of General Practice	West VIC Division of General Practice
	Murray Plains Division of General Practice	
WA	Eastern Goldfields Division of General Practice	Pilbara Health Network
	Kimberley Division of General Practice	General Practice Down South
	Midwest GP Network	
SA	Eyre Peninsula Division of General Practice	Nganampa Health Council
	Flinders and Far North Division of General Practice	Yorke Peninsula
TAS	GP North West	
NT	GP Network Northern Territory	