

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-384

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: KIMBERLEY INDIGENOUS SUICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVE - ATAPS

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Senator Boyce asked:

Are you able to tell me how many clients have actually accessed services as part of this initiative? Will the reports be made public? Please take is on notice and provide the information if you can and advise us if you cannot.

Answer:

Establishment of the suicide prevention service in the Kimberley region has been informed by community consultation undertaken in Broome in August 2011. During 2011 Boab Health Services developed linkages with local service providers, including Aboriginal Medical Services and local hospitals, put in place the necessary referral processes, protocols and other arrangements, and recruited allied health providers who have undertaken cultural competency training.

Following the initial establishment period, delivery of services commenced in January 2012. In the first two months of operation, 25 clients have been referred to the service and 58 services have been provided.

Access to Allied Psychological Services progress reports are administrative documents and are not generally made public.