

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013

Question: E13-203

OUTCOME: 1 Population Health

Topic: Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund and the NGOTGP – ISIS Primary Care

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Senator Di Natale

Question:

The two funded agencies mentioned in answer to Question on Notice E12-154 from Budget Estimates 2012 are both working with youth and comorbid Dual Diagnosis issues, whereas the ISIS project/ program was funded to work with adults in the Western region, under the Counselling, Consultancy & Continuing Care model.

- a) Does the Department agree with this characterisation of the respective services provided?
- b) If the Department disputes this characterisation, please provide evidence and detailed reasons supporting this.
- c) Does the Department agree that the services provided are substantively different to those provided by ISIS, and that the services are targeted at different issues and demographics?

Answer:

a) to c)

The Sunbury Community Health Service is funded to provide services to the community of Sunbury and its surrounding areas with a number of youth specific activities under the counselling, consultancy and continuing care (4Cs) service model.

MacKillop Family Services provides family focussed case work as an outreach service. Activities include counselling, assistance and advocacy consistent with elements of the 4Cs service model.

There was some overlap in the services provided by ISIS Primary Care and those provided by the other two organisations, in terms of client groups, the model of care provided and the geographical area in which the services are provided.

As noted in E12-154, both Sunbury Community Health Service and MacKillop Family Services have been funded to deliver counselling, consulting and continuing care services, the 4Cs model. While the primary focus of services delivered by the Sunbury Community Services is on young people, they also provide services to the broader community. MacKillop Family Services provides services to families where at least one adult member has a self identified substance misuse issue placing children under 18 years of age at risk. Funding was previously provided to ISIS Primary Care to deliver the 4Cs model with a focus on those with a significant socioeconomic disadvantage including clients with a dual diagnosis.