

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Headspace - Sites

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

1. It has been indicated to me that other potential headspace locations may have been identified, whether or not they met the criteria for choosing a new location – please provide detail on what other locations the Department is aware of.

2. Please identify what other locations may have been considered when determining the last 15 headspace locations.

Please provide copies of any correspondence from the Department to the Minister regarding:

a) Any potential headspace sites

The headspace sites in Round 6 & 7.

Answer:

1) All Statistical Area Level 3 geographical areas were considered for potential headspace locations.

2) As above.

2a) A Minute to the then Minister for Mental Health and Ageing the Hon Mark Butler MP was provided for his approval of the recommended locations for new headspace centres for Round 6. No other correspondence on potential headspace sites was provided by the Department to the Minister.

A Ministerial Submission to the then Minister for Health the Hon Peter Dutton MP was provided for his approval of the recommended locations for new headspace centres for both Round 7 and 8. No other correspondence on potential headspace sites was provided by the Department to the Minister.