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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
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Question No: SQ15-000283

Topic: Severe Behaviour Response Teams

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Senator Polley, Helen asked:

Please provide details of the SBRTs, including how many teams? How many staff will be employed and at what level? What clinical skills and experience will they possess? Where will they be located? What will be the functions of the SBRTs? How will they work with DBMAS? How will they operate? Will there be referrals? What happens when the funding runs out? What are “severe behaviours”? Will the SBRTs be assisting with individual residents or providing support for the providers and staff?

Answer:

SBRTs are being developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders. A stakeholder consultation meeting was held on 18 March 2015 to discuss the broad parameters for the SBRTs. A background paper on the SBRT framework was discussed at this meeting and is attached for information.

The Government will set the broad parameters for the SBRT based on a range of stakeholder advice, while allowing grant applicants to propose their own specific operating model.

The first phase of the SBRTs will commence nationally later this year, following a competitive grant funding process commencing late April 2015. Following the Analysis of Dementia Programmes, a second phase will see the SBRTs integrated with DBMAS from 2016-17 as the current DBMAS funding agreements conclude in June 2016.