

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017, 1 March 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 2 - Health Access and Support Services

**Topic:** Mental health Funding

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** O'Neill, Deborah

**Question:**

Suicide Prevention National Leadership Initiative

Successful recipients have been notified that they are to receive funding under the \$44.5 million suicide prevention national leadership initiative. Why has there yet to be a formal announcement? Do all recipients know if they are successful? What are the terms of funding? One year, two years? How many years? How much funding was allocated to this program across the forward estimates? Can the Department provide a list of the successful recipients by state and territory and the funding amounts?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health has recently completed a grant funding round for a range of national suicide prevention activities under the National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program. All successful and unsuccessful applicants have been advised of the outcome of the grant funding round and funding agreements with successful applicants are in the final stages of negotiation.

A Ministerial announcement of successful grant recipients is anticipated to occur shortly.

Grant funding of \$43,063,058 (GST Exclusive) has been awarded to 16 projects from 1 April 2017 to 30 June 2019 for the delivery of national suicide prevention activities. The Department can supply a list of successful recipients after the announcement occurs.