

**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:** 10 PHN Mental Health Lead Sites

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

**Senator:** O'Neill, Deborah

**Question:**

There were delays across the 10 PHN lead sites in regards to suicide prevention. Have these delays now been addressed?

**Answer:**

On 26 June 2016, the Australian Government committed to support ten Primary Health Network (PHN) mental health lead sites, including four that will focus on suicide prevention. Perth South PHN will focus on regional suicide prevention, including integration of suicide prevention and youth mental health activity. North Coast PHN, North West Melbourne PHN and Brisbane North PHN will focus on models of care for adults with severe mental illness and complex care needs; and regional approaches to suicide prevention.

The four PHN mental health lead sites have commenced planning activity and consultation with communities within their regions.