

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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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:

Can you provide an update on the evaluation of the Primary Health Network Mental Health Lead Sites? What are you evaluating? Will more than \$3 million be spent on evaluating these sites?

Answer:

The University of Melbourne has been engaged to undertake the Primary Health Network (PHN) Mental Health Lead Sites Evaluation Project.

The overall objective of this Project is to analyse activities and processes in the ten PHN mental health lead sites in relation to the establishment, integration, and approaches to delivery of primary mental health services to inform future activity and government policy. The evaluation covers PHN activities in relation to regional planning, low intensity services, youth mental health services and severe and complex mental health services.

The project will be undertaken over four financial years at a total cost of \$5,449,961 (GST excl).