

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-507

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: INDIGENOUS HEADSPACE CENTRES

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Senator Boyce asked:

From Ms Krestensen – As I mentioned before, we have quite good reach through headspace to Indigenous clients. About 10 per cent of headspace clients are Indigenous, according to the 2009 independent evaluation. I do not have the individual statistics for each of the 30 sites with me, but clearly the site in central Australia would also be a site which would have a high Indigenous throughput. I understand there is also quite a considerable throughput through some of the urban sites, such as central Sydney and so forth, where they have close working relationships with Aboriginal health services. I do not have the site by site statistics with me.

You could provide those on notice.

Answer:

Attachment A provides a breakdown by headspace site of the number and percentage of Indigenous clients for the more recent period June 2010 to May 2011 and compares this with Indigenous population data.

Attachment A

headspace Serviced Clients -percentage of Indigenous against Indigenous Population 12-25 yrs

For headspace centres overall, approximately 7% of all serviced clients identified as Indigenous for the period June 2010 – May 2011 (see table below).

Centres	All Clients	Indigenous Serviced Clients	Indigenous Serviced Clients	Population 12-25 yrs	Indigenous Pop 12-25 yrs	Indigenous Pop 12-25 yrs
ACT	892	40	4.5%	83,663	116	0.1%
Adelaide Northern	971	43	4.4%	42,355	1,174	2.8%
Barwon	1454	20	1.4%	47,168	456	1.0%
Central Australia	768	333	43.4%	8,462	4,041	47.8%
Central Coast	1515	129	8.5%	52,332	1,820	3.5%
Central Sydney	975	79	8.1%	52,873	857	1.6%
Central West Gippsland	512	23	4.5%	20,705	352	1.7%
Fraser Coast	456	51	11.2%	12,309	551	4.5%
Fremantle	1141	55	4.8%	62,919	1,145	1.8%
Gold Coast	1933	82	4.2%	128,599	2,833	2.2%
Great Southern	195	13	6.7%	9,055	431	4.8%
Hunter	405	49	12.1%	96,677	3,613	3.7%
Illawarra	727	25	3.4%	50,869	1,359	2.7%
Kimberley	339	132	38.9%	6,001	3,119	52.0%
Macarthur	1075	76	7.1%	57,984	1,619	2.8%
Mid North Coast	639	62	9.7%	16,299	2,700	16.6%
Mount Druitt	668	79	11.8%	56,335	1,928	3.4%
Murraylands	394	24	6.1%	5,648	301	5.3%
Northern Melbourne	475	12	2.5%	104,057	979	0.9%
Northern Tasmania	1416	39	2.8%	24,611	937	3.8%
NSW Central West	1031	34	3.3%	12,395	600	4.8%
Peninsula	690	14	2.0%	44,906	378	0.8%
Riverina	1730	145	8.4%	18,168	856	4.7%
Riverland	277	18	6.5%	5,389	186	3.5%
Southern Downs	441	43	9.8%	7,519	331	4.4%
Southern Melbourne	1045	8	0.8%	88,185	196	0.2%
South West Victoria	487	26	5.3%	17,619	302	1.7%
Top End	547	80	14.6%	28,474	6,639	23.3%
Townsville	1023	40	3.9%	22,136	1,408	6.4%
Western Melbourne	1250	17	1.4%	99,325	623	0.6%
Total	25471	1791	7%	1,283,037	41850	3%