

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Cross Portfolio Indigenous Hearing 2011-2012, 3 June 2011

Question: E11 - 508

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: HEADSPACE- INDIGENOUS CLIENTS

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Senator Boyce asked:

Perhaps at the same time (headspace Indigenous Strategy page 51) you could provide a brief outline of what is going to be different to what is happening now when the strategy is implemented

Answer:

headspace has advised the Department that undertaking the range of activities within its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander strategy over the next three years will contribute to the following outcomes:

- increased participation in the workforce, education and community through individuals and families;
- improved health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander young people and families as a result of access to training, information, education, increased cultural security, connection and reduction in addiction, ill health, family violence and suicide;
- improved access to and delivery of evidence based treatment by more culturally appropriate diagnoses, intervention and models of care and development of a skilled and trained workforce; and
- contribution to development of an evidence base by data collection, evaluation and research.