

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-103

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: EPPIC PROGRAMS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

When in the Department's view will we see the first government sponsored EPPIC program up and running?

Answer:

Subject to negotiations with states and territories on co-contributions, the Department is planning a phased approach to the establishment of EPPIC centres with the first eight centres commencing development in 2011-12, and reaching fully capacity by 2014-15.

The additional eight centres will commence development in 2012-13, reaching full capacity by 2015-16.