

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E13-153

OUTCOME: 11 - Mental Health

Topic: Early Psychosis Youth Services

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Senator: Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

- a) When were they (the early psychosis sites) proposed?
- b) Was it a written proposal or an oral proposal? Was it initiated by headspace or the department or the Minister?

Answer:

a) and b)

The headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation and Orygen Youth Health Research Centre approached the then Minister for Mental Health and Ageing in March 2013 with a proposal to deliver early psychosis youth services through the headspace platform. The locations of the sites referred to in the then Minister's media release of 23 May 2013 were identified in discussions about the proposal.