

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Headspace Centres

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: O'Neill, Deborah

Question:

During Budget Estimates the Department confirmed that the Minister had received a list of 25 possible headspace centre locations/sites that were then shortlisted to 20. Can the Department provide the list of the 20 sites? Can the Department provide a summary of the advice that was given with the 20 shortlisted locations? What evidence, analysis or other details were provided with the list of 20 shortlisted locations? Can the Department provide the date when the the Minister signed off on the decision he made when choosing where the 10 headspace centres will be located.

Can the Department confirm if it is undertaking further work to establish any new headspace centres in addition to the 110 that have been made public?

Answer:

Advice to Government included around 20 candidate locations for new headspace services.

The Department of Health provided advice to the Minister on two occasions regarding the proposed locations for the additional headspace services. The Minister approved these separately on 7 and 20 March 2017.

Advice was also provided to Minister Hunt on the type of headspace service to be established. For example, a traditional centre compared to an outreach service to ensure sustainability and fidelity of the headspace model.

The selection processes for the locations announced align with those outlined in response to SQ17-000587.

The Department has not undertaken further work to establish any new headspace centres in addition to the 110 that have been made public.