

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-339

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: EARLY PSYCHOSIS PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION CENTRES (EPPIC)

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

The Budget provided \$25.5 million over four years to establish additional Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centres

- a) How many additional EPPIC centres will this funding provide?
- b) Where will these centres be located?
- c) When is the first of these additional EPPIC centres expected to be open and operational?
- d) Is there a timeline for delivery of each of these additional facilities?
- e) How much federal funding will be available to each of these centres and how much state funding will be available to each centre?
- f) How many acute and subacute beds will each centre have?

Answer:

- a) The number of centres to be funded under the measure will depend on the number of jurisdictions interested in participating in the measure and the level of co-contribution from jurisdictions.
- b) Specific site locations will be determined in consultation with interested jurisdictions and will be located in areas where there is a high incidence of youth mental health problems and sound infrastructure and capability, including sub-acute and in-patient beds and other back-up services.
- c) The implementation plan is outlined in *A National Health and Hospitals Network for Australia's Future – Delivering the Reforms at* <http://www.yourhealth.gov.au/internet/yourhealth/publishing.nsf/content/home>  
Implementation of additional sites using the EPPIC model will start from April 2011.
- d) Please refer to answer c) above.
- e) The Australian Government has allocated \$25.5 million over four years under this measure. The level of federal funding available to each centre will depend on the number of jurisdictions interested in contributing and the level of co-contribution offered by partnering states and territories, which will be determined through a process of negotiation.
- f) The number of acute and subacute beds that support each centre will be determined in consultation with interested jurisdictions.