

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-345

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: EARLY PSYCHOSIS PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION CENTRES (EPPICS)

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In evidence to the Senate Community Affairs Committee on 3rd June 2010, officials from DoHA stated that the goal for the Government's \$25.5 million over four years commitment to EPPIC (early psychosis services) was to partner with state and territories in order to establish four new EPPIC centres that will provide additional support to up to 3500 young people over four years. These figures would appear to translate to an Australian Government contribution of roughly \$1.5 million per EPPIC centre. Is this correct?

Answer:

The number of additional EPPIC sites and the allocation of Commonwealth funds to each of these sites will depend on how many state and territory governments are interested in participating in the measure and negotiations with partner jurisdictions about co-contributions, the parameters of the service model and linkages to existing state services and infrastructure.