

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-347

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centres (EPPIC)

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti- Wells asked:

- a) How can the level of funds provided possibly provide care within the EPPIC model for the 3,500 young Australians who are expected to benefit from the new centres?
- b) What services can these young Australian expect to receive?

Answer:

- a) The Orygen Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centre (EPPIC) model in Melbourne is a comprehensive state of the art facility. The measure is intended to extend the Orygen EPPIC model to other parts of Australia. It is expected that implementation will occur flexibly to ensure that the model is cost-effective and sustainable, as well as to accommodate differences in jurisdictional infrastructure that would be required to support the model. To inform implementation, discussions are underway with Orygen Youth Health about the core components that are fundamental to expanding the model in other jurisdictions.
- b) As indicated in response a) above, Centres will build on existing infrastructure in jurisdictions which will influence the overall shape of services and the cost. The level of co-contribution will be negotiated with each partnering jurisdiction.