

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-398

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: EARLY PSYCHOSIS PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION CENTRES (EPPIC)
CRITERIA

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Criteria for where EPPIC centres will be located

- a) What are those criteria? Are they set out somewhere?
- b) You can take on notice to tell me where they are?

Answer:

a and b)

The Commonwealth is to partner with interested state and territory governments to expand the Early Psychosis Prevention and Early Intervention Centres (EPPIC) model to new locations.

While there is scope for negotiating the parameters around how sites would be set up in interested jurisdictions, there is a requirement that these Centres be located in areas where there is a high incidence of youth mental health problems and sound government and non-government infrastructure and capability, including in-patients and sub-acute beds and backup services.