

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Ice Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Services

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Senator: Xenophon, Nick

Question:

As at 2011, there were just four ice rehab clinics in Australia.

Does the Department have any updated information on how many ice rehabs there currently are across the country?

- Are these facilities Government funded?
- Has the Department conducted any modelling on increasing the amount of rehabilitation services and ice specific services?

Answer:

The Department of Health cannot confirm how many methamphetamine specific treatment facilities exist in Australia.

Although the primary responsibility for funding alcohol and drug treatment services resides with state and territory governments, the Commonwealth is also providing funding of up to \$87 million over 2015-16, to approximately 160 alcohol and drug treatment services across Australia. This funding is provided under the Non-Government Organisation Treatment Grants Programme and the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund.

Commonwealth funding to alcohol and drug treatment services is allocated to a wide variety of treatment types across Australia, including counselling, residential rehabilitation, pharmacotherapy, support and case management, information and education, withdrawal management and assessment services.

All of these treatment types are appropriate for people with methamphetamine dependence, excluding pharmacotherapy as there are no pharmacotherapies for methamphetamine dependence treatment that have approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration and listed on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods.