

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 11 – Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Severe Behaviour Response Teams (SBRTs)

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

- a) Please outline how many applications were made for the Severe Behaviour Response Teams?
- b) How many of those were for provision of a national program versus for state by state delivery
- c) Was the Department specifically directed NOT to discuss the SBRT in Senate Estimates, even though it was clear the decision had been made at the time of the hearing?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Social Services received 13 applications for the Severe Behaviour Response Teams – Phase 1, with one application ruled as ineligible resulting in 12 applications progressing to assessment.
- b) Two applications were for provision of a national programme, all others were for a smaller scope of coverage.
- c) The decision to announce the successful provider was a matter for the Government.