

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-11, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-186

OUTCOME 11: Mental Health

Topic: Headspace

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) How many of the extra 30 youth headspace centres announced by the Minister for Health have opened since her announcement on April 20, reiterated in a media release she issued on May 6 2010 and again in the Budget papers?
- b) Of the ten new locations announced for 2010-11, which ones will be established by 30 June 2011?

Answer:

- a) The Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon Nicola Roxon MP, announced the locations of the first ten new headspace sites on 24 July 2010. Following this, headspace national office conducted an Expression of Interest process, which closed on 13 December 2010, to select lead agencies to operate headspace services at these locations. Lead agencies were announced by the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, the Hon Mark Butler MP, on 14 April 2011. Lead agencies will enter into a contract with headspace and services will be open within six months of this contract with headspace being executed.
- b) By 30 June 2011, a headspace site will have been established in each of the ten new locations announced for 2010-11.