

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Please provide a progress update on Headspace Youth Early Psychosis Centres (HYEPP) in Adelaide, Darwin, Canberra and Hobart, including:

- a) advice on the nature of these delays, and the process undertaken by the Department to facilitate the establishment of the HYEPP
- b) how the Department will work to rectify these delays, and
- c) when the Department expects services to commence.

Answer:

- a) to c) Delays in implementing headspace Youth Early Psychosis Centres (hYEPP) sites have resulted from additional time required for recruitment of clinical staff, securing appropriate premises establishing effective linkages with the local tertiary mental health services and identifying a suitable lead agency in each location with capacity to provide the hYEPP service.

The Department of Health is working closely with headspace, Oyrgen and States and Territories.