

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017, 1 March 2017**

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**Topic:** Suicide Prevention Trial Sites

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**Senator:** O'Neill, Deborah

**Question:**

Senator O'NEILL: Did you provide only four recommended sites to the government prior to the election? Or did you nominate more sites?

Ms Cole: Actually, it is some time ago now and I cannot remember off the top of my head what the actual recommendations were. I think we are getting into that area of advice to government anyway, so I will get back to you on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: Could you take on notice how many PHNs sought to participate—

Ms Cole: Yes.

Senator O'NEILL:

**Answer:**

In December 2015 the Department of Health invited all Primary Health Networks to submit an expression of interest to act as mental health lead sites. Four lead sites were selected to have a focus on community based suicide prevention.

In June 2016, the Australian Government made an election commitment to provide additional funding for the four mental health lead sites with a focus on community based suicide prevention and committed to fund a further eight regional suicide prevention trial sites in priority areas, bringing the total number of suicide prevention trial sites to 12.