

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 5 - Primary Health Care

Topic: Headspace

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Wright, Penny

Question:

In the Community Affairs Budget Estimates hearing on June 1, it was advised that an independent review of Headspace has been conducted and the Department is now considering that review. Who conducted the review?

- a. What was the cost of the review?
- b. When will the review be released?
- c. When was the review received by the department?
- d. Over what period of time was the review conducted?
- e. What was the scope of the review?

Answer:

The Department of Health commissioned Dr David Filby PSM to undertake an independent review of the headspace governance.

- a. The review cost \$34,500 (GST inclusive).
- b. This will be a decision of Government.
- c. The report of the review was received by the department on 23 April 2015.
- d. The review was conducted over an eight week period, and commenced on 2 March 2015.
- e. The scope of the review focused on the fitness for purpose of the headspace governance arrangements in the context of the growth in scope and quantity of Commonwealth funding to headspace.