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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Senator McLUCAS: In your contractual relationship with headspace, what does headspace report to you on in terms of agreed outcomes?

Mr Booth: Headspace has a contract with the department, the specific details of which I do not have that go into that contract, but it would be expected to let us know in terms of how the sites are going with respect to recruitment and people going through, those kinds of things. We have a very good relationship with headspace in terms of meeting with them regularly, discussing issues as they come up and those kinds of things. So we do keep in very regular contact with them about concerns.

Senator McLUCAS: But I am talking about routine reporting.

Mr Booth: I do not have the details with me in terms of what we get on a regular basis, but I can certainly look into that for you.

Senator McLUCAS: Does it include waiting times?

Mr Booth: As I said, I need to take a look at that.

Answer:

headspace is obliged to report on how Commonwealth funds are being spent against the budget, and advise on progress for the following activities:

- headspace sites;
- community engagement and awareness;
- headspace Centre of Excellence;
- specialised training and education programme;
- National Youth Reference Group;
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy;
- Strategy for Engaging with Homeless Youth;
- nationally managed headspace site activities; and
- transitioning centres.