

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Mr Booth: As we discussed earlier, those have been subject to a delay and there is no Partners in Recovery program being rolled out in those 13 areas. That was delayed for two years.

Senator McLucas: They were delayed in the first rollout for a period of 12 months, is my recollection.

Mr Booth: The funding was for two years, yes.

Senator McLucas: And now they have been delayed for another two years, just to be clear.

Mr Booth: I thought it was two years; I will double check that.

Senator McLucas: In this current round, funding goes to 2015-16. Are there any plans for the other regions to be included after that?

**Answer:**

48 Partners in Recovery (PIR) Organisations are funded to 2015-16. The 2014-15 Budget deferred the establishment of additional PIR services in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Future investment in mental health will be considered in the context of the National Mental Health Commission's review of mental health programmes.