

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Early Psychosis Prevention and Intervention Centres

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Senator: McLucas, Jan

Question:

Have all locations now been confirmed for the further five EPPICs as per the election commitment? If so, please list all the locations, including the federal electorate in which they fall. Please outline the status/progress on each of these five centres. When do you expect each of them to be operational?

Answer:

The locations of eight headspace Youth Early Psychosis Programmes (hYEPP) have been announced.

The location of the first four hYEPP sites were announced in May 2013 as South East Melbourne, Western Sydney, North East Perth and Western Adelaide. South East Melbourne and Western Sydney have commenced services. North East Perth and West Adelaide are establishing and will commence services in early 2015.

On 19 December 2013, the Minister for Health, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, approved the next four locations as the Gold Coast, Darwin, Canberra and Hobart. The Gold Coast site has commenced services. Darwin, Canberra and Tasmania are expected to commence services progressively between early and mid-2015.