

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Ice Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Services

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Xenophon, Nick

Question:

I have been told by South Australian family members of Ice users that established government-funded services have lengthy waiting periods and some are even closing down.

a) Is the Department aware of any of these facilities that have closed down in the past 3 years?

b) Can the Department please provide a list of these facilities.

What is the Department's understanding of waiting periods for public rehabilitation services?

Answer:

a) There have been no closures of services funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health in South Australia over the last three years.

b) The Department does not routinely collect information regarding waiting times for drug and alcohol treatment services.