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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AGEING, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

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**Youth Suicide and Self Harm in the ACT**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**Mr Wall:** To ask the Minister for Health:

**Mr Wall:** Minister, we heard from a couple of witnesses this afternoon, and particularly the Youth Coalition, the feeling that there is a gap in services available for young people in particular; that there is a good offering for a low level of need or severity of suicidal tendency, and then the extreme end is also well served. With the intermediate area there is a slightly more moderate need than low level but it is certainly not a case of requiring severe intervention or the mental health ward. Can you enlighten the committee on what services are available in that moderate, intermediate space, particularly for young people where cost would be a determinant as to whether or not they are accessible, and then maybe allude to what some of the wait times might be for access to those services as well?

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**Mr O'Donoghue:** As Ms Bracher alluded to, there is a long list of youth-related community organisations that are funded in the territory. In fact the territory has the largest proportion of community-based mental health services in the country, which we are very proud of. We have a list of approximately \$5,550,000 of recurrently funded services that are based in non-government organisations. I would be happy to provide the list and the detail of the funding subsequently.

**Minister for Health:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Please see attached breakdown of the total investment.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health, Ageing and Community Services

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By the Minister for Health, Mr Simon Corbell MLA

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Inquiry into Youth Suicide and Self-Harm in the ACT

| Directorate | Program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Funding for 2015-16  |
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| ACT Health  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      |
|             | <b>Public Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS).</b><br><br>CAMHS is a tertiary mental health service that responds to children and young people who present with moderate to severe mental health issues by providing specialist assessments, therapeutic interventions and clinical case management. CAMHS aims to assist children and young people and their families and or carers in the reduction of clinical symptoms and improvement in their level of psychosocial functioning. | \$6,452,000 (ex GST) |
|             | <b>Barnardos Australia</b> provides respite care for children of parents with a mental illness and for children with a mental illness through school holiday camps and programs, and daily respite programs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | \$121,713 (ex GST)   |
|             | <b>Belconnen Community Services</b> provides mental health resiliency training, support and referral for vulnerable children and young people and their families through their Bungee program.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$361,466 (ex GST)   |

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|  | <p><b>Beyondblue</b> is in the process of selecting a local organisation to deliver its Way Back Support Service. The Way Back Support Service will provide time-limited, non-clinical support and education to people who have attempted suicide and their families, and connect them to appropriate supports to reduce the risk of suicide.</p> | \$187,998 (ex GST) |
|  | <p><b>The Brindabella Women's Group</b> is a mental health promotion and self help support group targeting mothers in the early infant period.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$35,972 (ex GST)  |
|  | <p><b>CatholicCare</b> provides a high level fully supported youth special care accommodation and outreach support service and the Adolescent (13 –17 year olds) 24-hour step up / step down supported accommodation &amp; outreach program.</p>                                                                                                  | \$988,291 (ex GST) |
|  | <p><b>The Gugan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Corporation</b> provides an early intervention youth outreach program to provide support and advice to vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people experiencing mental ill-health and / or emotional well being problems.</p>                                                           | \$906,552 (ex GST) |

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|  | <p><b>KidsMatter and Mindmatters</b> are national programs for primary and secondary schools that enable individual schools to develop their own mental health strategies to help children and young people to improve their mental health and wellbeing. In the ACT Kidsmatter and Mindmatters are supported by ACT Health and the ACT Education and Training Directorate.</p> | \$200,000 (ex GST)   |
|  | <p><b>The Majura Women's Group</b> is a mental health promotion and self help support group targeting mothers in the early infant period.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | \$35,972 (ex GST)    |
|  | <p><b>Marymead</b> provides Circle of Security, a wellbeing promotion and early intervention therapeutic program based on strengthening attachment in vulnerable families with young children.</p>                                                                                                                                                                              | \$48,058 (ex GST)    |
|  | <p><b>Mental Illness Education ACT (MIEACT)</b> provides information and education about mental illness and the maintenance of mental health, targeted to students of secondary schools, colleges, and youth groups / agencies.</p>                                                                                                                                             | \$522,837 (ex GST)   |
|  | <p><b>The Mental Illness Fellowship</b> provides the Young Persons (18 –25 year old) 24-hour step up / step down supported accommodation &amp; outreach program.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$1,052,534 (ex GST) |

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|                                                                                                     | <b>The OzHelp Foundation</b><br>provides information about mental illness, alcohol & drug issues, maintenance of mental health and early intervention for mental illness as well as counselling and crisis management targeted to building industry workers and apprentices. | \$667,368 (ex GST)                       |
|                                                                                                     | <b>Post &amp; Antenatal Depression Support &amp; Information (PANDSI)</b><br>provides self-help groups to support and provide information to women and their families suffering from ante and / or postnatal mental illness.                                                 | \$409,098 (ex GST)                       |
|                                                                                                     | <b>Youth in ACTION for Suicide Prevention</b> is a youth led suicide prevention group that promotes wellbeing and self-care in young people in the ACT through education, social media and innovative health promotion events.                                               | \$2,000 (ex GST) (Grant for activities). |
| <b>Total ACT Health Investment in Community Based Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Services</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>\$5,539,859 (ex GST)</b>              |