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**Meeting Brief**  
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Parliamentary Section

To: Minister Hunt

Adviser: Michael Gardner

Subject: PHONE CALL WITH JEREMY FORBES, FOUNDER OF HALT

Greg Hunt			
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Date / Time: Sunday 13 February, 6pm-6:20pm.

Meeting Type/Location: Virtual – call Mr Jeremy Forbes on 0409 756 274.

Traditional Custodians: TBC.

Purpose: To discuss the work of Hope Assistance Local Tradies (HALT).

Desired Outcomes: To seek an update on HALT's funded activities, and thank Mr Forbes for the organisation's work.

**Key Matters:**

- Mr Forbes has requested this meeting to discuss the work of HALT through the Community Health and Hospitals Program (CHHP).
- HALT has submitted an application for the National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program (NSPLSP) grant opportunity. It is expected that Mr Forbes may wish to discuss the NSPLSP application with you or seek support for future funding.
- Mr Forbes may also enquire about the possibility of joining the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) which was established to advise on Head to Health Adult Mental Health Centres.

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**OFFICIAL****Discussion Guide:****Stakeholder information:**

- HALT was founded in 2013 after the suicide of a local tradesman in the Castlemaine area. HALT aims to build a bridge between local and national support services for people employed in trade occupations, primarily men.

**Proposed Objective and/or Desired Outcomes:**

- This meeting is an opportunity to seek an update on HALT's activities.

**Stakeholder Objective:**

- Mr Forbes is expected to seek support for future funding to expand HALT's work. This may include seeking your support for the organisation's NSPLSP application or asking about other funding opportunities.
- It may be worth noting that Suicide Prevention Australia has undertaken some deep engagement with representative organisations for men's mental health and will shortly be releasing key principles to guide co-designing approaches.

**Key Points:**NSPLSP

- Mr Forbes has provided you with a copy of HALT's application for the NSPLSP.
- Applications for the NSPLSP closed on 28 January 2022 and are currently being assessed. The Department is the delegated decision maker.
- For probity reasons, it is recommended that HALT's application for the NSPLSP not be discussed with Mr Forbes to maintain integrity in the decision-making process.

Head to Health

- Mr Forbes has expressed interest in joining the TAG that was established to advise Government on the design of the Head to Health Adult Mental Health Centres.
- The work of the TAG is now complete and the TAG has ceased.
- The Department will retain Mr Forbes' details should future opportunities arise to be involved in mental health program design and implementation.
- Mr Forbes may also wish to engage with PHNs that have established Head to Health Centres to consider any opportunities for engagement at the local level.

**Sensitivities or Contentious Issues:**

- Nil.

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

- As part of the 2019-20 Budget, \$2 million was announced over four years (2019-20 to 2022-23) to support HALT suicide prevention workers through the CHHP.
- Funding supports workers in both the South Eastern Melbourne PHN and North Western Melbourne PHN regions to create awareness of suicide prevention supports for tradies.

**Attachments:**

- A. Biographies

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**OFFICIAL****Attachment B****Biographies**

Jeremy Forbes is the co-founder of HALT.

A painter and decorator by trade, he founded HALT to better link tradies to local and national mental health and suicide prevention supports.

He was awarded a Westpac Social Change Fellowship through the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation in 2016.

Mr Forbes has a lived experience of suicide.

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Ministerial Submission – Standard  
MS22-000457  
Version (1)  
Date sent to MO: 05/04/22

To: Minister Hunt

Cc: Assistant Minister Coleman

Subject: Request to extend funding for Hope Assistance Local Tradies (HALT)

Critical date: 5 April 2022

**Recommendation/s:**

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| <p>1. Agree to the commitment of \$1.0 million over two years (2023-24 and 2024-25) to South Eastern Melbourne PHN for the extension of the Hope Assistance Local Tradies (HALT) project.</p>  | <p>1. Agreed</p> |
| <p>2. Note subject to your approval of the additional commitment, the Department will work with South Eastern Melbourne PHN to offer a deed of variation for the extension of funding for the HALT project.</p>  | <p>2. Noted</p>  |
| <p>3. Sign the letter at <u>Attachment A</u> advising the Minister for Finance, Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham of the grant in accordance with paragraph 4.11 <i>Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines</i> (CPRGs).</p>                                   | <p>3. Signed</p> |
| <p>4. Note that Department officials will approve the commitment of relevant funding in accordance with the Department's financial delegations under section 23(3) of the <i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i> (the PGPA Act)</p> | <p>4. Noted</p>  |

Signature .....

Date: 5/4/2022

<b>Media Release required? YES/NO</b>			
<b>Comments:</b>			
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**Issues:**

1. Your office has requested a submission to provide funding of \$1.0 million (GST exclusive) over two years (2023-24 and 2024-25) for the extension of the HALT project.
2. The project is currently funded through the South Eastern Melbourne PHN and is scheduled to end 30 June 2023.
3. On approval of this submission, the Department will work with the South Eastern Melbourne PHN to provide an extension of funding to HALT through a variation to the PHN's Primary Mental Health Care Schedule.
4. The funding will continue to support activities within the South Eastern Melbourne PHN and North Western Melbourne PHN regions, including within the Electoral Division of Flinders.
5. Upon approving a grant within a Minister's electorate, there is a requirement under paragraph 4.11 of the CPRGs to notify the Minister for Finance. A letter is at **Attachment A**.

**Background:**

As part of the 2019-20 Budget, \$2.0 million over four years (2019-20 to 2022-23) was invested under the Community Health and Hospitals Program (CHHP) to support the HALT project.

This funding supports suicide prevention community workers in both the South Eastern Melbourne PHN and North Western Melbourne PHN regions to create awareness of suicide prevention support for tradies.

HALT aims to build a bridge between local and national support services for people employed in trade occupations, primarily men. Funding this initiative via the PHN will ensure effective linkages between HALT and other local service providers.

HALT does not have Australian Government funding beyond June 2023.

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

The Mental Health Division has confirmed there are sufficient funds available under Priority 013 – Mental Health and Suicide Prevention to cover the proposed \$1 million expenditure.

Priority 013 - Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Programme - Summary Table (GST exclusive)	2021-22 (\$m)	2022-23 (\$m)	2023-24 (\$m)	2024-25 (\$m)	2025-26 (\$m)	Total (\$m)
Allocation (as at 2021-22 MYEFO)	1,212.279	1,140.158	1,044.469	1,098.123	1,037.813	5,532.842
Actual Expenditure as at 01 April 2022	1,007.565	-	-	-	-	1,007.565
Legal Commitments as at 01 April 2022	73.406	757.307	56.655	7.338	-	894.706
Minister Approved but not yet legally committed	-	0.300	0.300	-	-	0.600
IAHP funds administered outside IHD - Govt Decisions	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub-Total Committed and Minister/Govt Approved</b>	<b>1,080.970</b>	<b>757.607</b>	<b>56.955</b>	<b>7.338</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,902.871</b>

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Information is correct as at 01 April 2022 and will change subject to funding agreement execution and new Ministerial commitments. New/unsolicited proposals and extension of ceasing grants will be funded from unallocated funding. Any discrepancies in totals are due to rounding.

### Sensitivities:

HALT applied under the 2022 National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program grant opportunity for funding to support the development and implementation of a new program; *Built to last*. HALT has been advised they were assessed as unsuccessful under the grant opportunity. They have indicated they will seek feedback on their application from the Department.

### Consultations:

Nil.

### Attachments:

A. Letter to Minister for Finance

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Has Budget Branch been consulted if there are financial implications?	Not Applicable

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## Election Commitment Implementation Brief

### Extend HALT's funding

#### Commitment

A Coalition Government will extend funding for the Hope Assistance Local Tradies (HALT) program for a further two years from 1 July 2023. HALT support suicide prevention community workers across Melbourne's south-east and north-west to promote mental health and connect tradies with suicide prevention support.

#### Stakeholder impact

- This program supports people employed in trade occupations in the South Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network (PHN) and North Western Melbourne PHN regions.
- The trade occupations targeted by the program are predominantly male.

#### Implementation

- The Department of Health will work with the South Eastern Melbourne PHN to provide an extension of funding to HALT through a variation to the PHN's Primary Mental Health Care Schedule.
- Policy authority and funding (available under Priority 013 – Mental Health and Suicide Prevention) exists for this program ceasing on 30 June 2025.
- Since 2019–20, HALT has received \$2 million in Australian Government funding, via a single grant under the Community Health and Hospitals Program (CHHP), ending on 30 June 2022.

#### Next steps

- The department will progress a variation to the Mental Health Care Schedule of the South Eastern Melbourne PHN to enable commencement of the extended funding arrangement in July 2023.

☐ Noted

☐ For Discussion

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Information Brief

MB22-003165

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Date sent to MO: 26/09/2022

To: Minister Butler  
cc: Assistant Minister McBride

Subject: DEPARTMENT INITIATED INFORMATION BRIEF - HOPE ASSISTANCE LOCAL  
TRADIES (HALT)

Comments:			
<p><i>Noted &amp; signed [Signature] 24/10</i></p>			
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**Key Issues:**

1. Mr Jeremy Forbes, Founder of Hope Assistance Local Tradies (HALT) has written to the Minister to introduce the organisation and to outline the range of supports they provide.
2. HALT has received Commonwealth funding of \$2 million over four years (2019-20 to 2022-23) committed under the Commonwealth Health and Hospital Program (CHHP). The funding was provided through their local Primary Health Network (PHN), with funding due to cease 30 June 2023.
3. The funding supported engagement of suicide prevention community workers in South East and North Western Melbourne to create awareness about mental health and suicide prevention supports and services available for tradies.
4. Funding for the HALT project has been provided through the South Eastern Melbourne PHN for the delivery of the HALT project. A requirement under the funding agreement was for the PHN to work in collaboration with the North Western Melbourne PHN to ensure an equitable implementation of activity across both catchment areas.
5. In his correspondence, Mr Forbes refers to an extension of funding for two years through the South Eastern Melbourne PHN. He expresses some concern that this would not cover activity in the North Western Melbourne PHN region.
6. Mr Forbes seeks an opportunity to meet with you or your office to discuss a pathway for securing funding to support continued work in North Western Melbourne PHN catchment and potentially other PHNs (refer [Attachment A](#)).
7. Draft correspondence has been prepared at [Attachment B](#).

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Future Funding Decisions:

8. On 5 April 2022 the former Minister for Health approved a commitment of \$1.0 million over two years (2023-24 and 2024-25) to South Eastern Melbourne PHN for the extension of the HALT project.
9. That funding is to be sourced from existing funds available under Priority 13 – Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. However, the Department has not progressed the funding commitment at this time.
10. You may wish to reconsider the previous Government's funding commitment given the previous funding is ceasing and HALT was unsuccessful in a competitive funding process.

**Background:**

The CHHP program was part of the 2018-19 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) measure and the 2019-20 Budget.

Under the current funding arrangements, South Eastern Melbourne received the following funding to specifically facilitate services through the HALT program:

Financial Year	Funding Amount (GST Exclusive)	GST Amount	Total Amount (GST Inclusive)
2019-2020	\$500,000	\$50,000	\$550,000
2020-2021	\$500,000	\$50,000	\$550,000
2021-2022	\$500,000	\$50,000	\$550,000
2022-2023	\$500,000	\$50,000	\$550,000

HALT had applied for funding under the recent open and competitive grant opportunity for the National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program (NSPLSP) and was not successful. The grant opportunity received a large number of high quality applications.

**Attachment A:** MC22-016407 Email correspondence Mr Forbes, Founder of HALT to Minister Butler

**Attachment B:** MC22-016407 Draft Response - Minister Butler to Mr Forbes

Minister	Minister Butler
PDR Number	MB22-003165
Subject	Department initiated brief - Hope Assistance Local Tradies (HALT)
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Meeting Brief

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Date sent to MO: 25/11/2022

**To:** Assistant Minister Kearney

**cc:** Minister Butler  
Assistant Minister McBride

**Subject:** MEETING WITH JEREMY FORBES, HOPE ASSISTANCE LOCAL TRADIES (HALT)

Comments:

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**Date / Time:** 10:00-10:30am Thursday 15 December 2022

**Meeting Type/Location:** EO, 159 High Street, Preston, Melbourne

**Traditional Custodians:** the Wurundjeri people

**Purpose:** Discuss potential future funding for HALT through the North West Melbourne PHN

**Desired Outcomes:** Briefing on the work of HALT, including their work in the Cooper electorate.

Key Attendees/Speakers:	Title:	Organisation:	Mobile No:
Mr Jeremy Forbes	Founder	Hope Assistance Local Tradies (HALT)	0409 756 274

**Key Matters/Issues:**

- Mr Forbes co-founded Hope Assistance Local Tradies in 2013 in response to a local need for suicide prevention initiatives for people working in trade professions.
- HALT has received Commonwealth funding of \$2 million over four years (2019-20 to 2022-23) via South Eastern Melbourne PHN to support trades people in both the South Eastern Melbourne PHN and North Western Melbourne PHN catchment areas.
- HALT does not currently have Government funding past June 2023.
- The former Minister for Health approved \$1.0 million over two years (2023-24 and 2024-25).
- The Department has not progressed the funding commitment at this time.

- On 24 October Minister Butler wrote to Mr Forbes and advised the Government is currently considering funding commitments, and encouraged Mr Forbes to maintain contact with the Department of Health and Aged Care regarding progress.

**Discussion Guide:**

- Seek information from Mr Forbes about the work of HALT, including work in the Cooper electorate.
- Discuss Mr Forbes' view on what mental health and suicide prevention services and supports are needed for trades people.
- Reiterate Minister Butler's message that Government is currently considering funding commitments.
- Encourage Mr Forbes to continue engagement with Primary Health Networks and register on GrantConnect to receive notifications of any relevant upcoming Commonwealth grant opportunities.

**Proposed Objective and/or Desired Outcomes:**

- To receive a briefing on the work of HALT, both in the Cooper electorate and the broader South Eastern Melbourne PHN and North Western Melbourne PHN catchment areas.
- To reiterate Minister Butler's advice that funding commitments are being considered by Government.
- To communicate the Government's commitment to suicide prevention and support for men as a priority population.

**Stakeholder information:**

- Mr Forbes is the Founder of HALT which was established in Castlemaine, Victoria after the death of a local tradie to suicide in 2013.

**Stakeholder Objective:**

- Mr Forbes wishes to discuss future funding opportunities for HALT.

**Sensitivities or Contentious Issues:**

- On 5 April 2022 the former Minister for Health approved a commitment of \$1.0 million over two years (2023-24 and 2024-25) to South Eastern Melbourne PHN for the extension of the HALT project in both the South Eastern Melbourne PHN and North Western Melbourne PHN catchment areas.
- On 24 October Mr Forbes was advised by Minister Butler via correspondence that the Government is currently considering funding commitments, and encouraged to maintain contact with the Department of Health and Aged Care regarding progress.
- In his current correspondence, Mr Forbes refers to the extension of funding for two years through the South Eastern Melbourne PHN. He expresses some concern that this would not cover activity in the North Western Melbourne PHN region.
- HALT applied for funding under the recent open and competitive grant opportunity for the National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program (NSPLSP) and was not successful. The grant opportunity received a large number of high quality applications.

**Budget/Financial Implications:**

- HALT has received Commonwealth funding of \$2 million over four years (2019-20 to 2022-23) committed under the Commonwealth Health and Hospital Program (CHHP). The funding was provided through the South Eastern Melbourne PHN, with funding due to cease 30 June 2023.
- A requirement under the funding agreement was for the PHN to work in collaboration with the North Western Melbourne PHN to ensure an equitable implementation of activity across both catchment areas.

**Background:**

- HALT is a grassroots suicide prevention charity that hosts events for tradies and apprentices at workplaces, hardware stores, sporting clubs, Men's Sheds and TAFEs across Australia to raise awareness of mental health and connect people with local and national support services.
- HALT aims to build a bridge between local and national support services for people employed in trade occupations, primarily men.
- Government funding to date has supported engagement of suicide prevention community workers in South East and North Western Melbourne to create awareness about mental health and suicide prevention supports and services available for tradies.
- Funding this initiative via the PHN ensures effective linkages between HALT and other local service providers.

**Attachments:**

- A. Biographical details

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## Biographies

### Mr Jeremy (Jez) Forbes



Mr Forbes was a trade-qualified painter and decorator in Castlemaine for almost 20 years. Mr Forbes has experienced the highs and lows associated with the building industry financially, physically and mentally and would like tradies to be more conscious of how depression, stress, tiredness and frustration can impact their lives and loved ones around them.

Mr Forbes co-founded HALT in 2013 in response to the suicide of a local tradie. In 2016 Mr Forbes was awarded the Westpac Social Change Fellowship Award and in 2018 Mr Forbes presented a TED Talk on HALT's work.

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<b>Minister</b>	<b>Assistant Minister Kearney</b>
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## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION DIVISION BUDGET ESTIMATES – MAY 2023 BACKPOCKET BRIEF TEMPLATE

### MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANTS

#### KEY POINTS

- The Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Division manages 249 grants with \$1.2 billion in funding in 2022-23.
- There were 5 instances of non-compliance with the Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines (CGRGs) in 2022-23. The total funding associated with these grants is \$34.9 million.
- Non-compliance resulted where the department varied grant agreements before Grant Opportunity Guidelines were approved and published.
- The CGRGs were not complied with to ensure uninterrupted service delivery.
- All grants relate to closed, non-competitive grant rounds, where the Minister had already approved the grant recipient and amount to be provided.
- All grant recipients met the requirements of their previous grant agreements with the department.
- In all instances, Grant Opportunity Guidelines were subsequently approved and published.
- Separately, three instances of non-compliance with the CGRGs for grants relating to previous financial years were reported in the Financial Compliance Management System in December 2022.
- The department manages 57 procurements with \$39.1 million in funding in 2022-23.
  - This includes 9 consultancy procurements with \$4.3 million in funding in 2022-23.

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**NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE CGRGS – GRANTS FOR PREVIOUS YEARS**

Three grants were approved and offered to grantees without grant opportunity guidelines being developed or published. This was done on the basis the grants had been approved by the Minister, publicly announced, and having a high expectation that funding would be provided as soon as possible. The Division assessed offering this grant as low risk and there being a greater risk if not progressed quickly.

Any future funding arrangements with these organisations have or will have grant opportunity guidelines developed so no further instances of non-compliance occur.

The 3 grants were announced in the 2019-20 Budget. However, while they were identified and included as a case study in the recent audit of the Community Health and Hospitals Program (CHHP) conducted by the Australia National Audit Office, were not CHHP projects.

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## CEASING GRANTS

- Hope Assistance Local Tradies (HALT) received funding through the Community Health and Hospitals Program. Funding ceases 30 June 2023.
- Previous Government made an election commitment to provide \$1 million over two years (2023-24 to 2024-25) to extend HALT.
- HALT has been advised its funding will not be extended. This was a decision of Government.
- The Government funds a range of supports for men, including other programs focused on improving mental health and suicide prevention outcomes in male-dominated industries (e.g. MATES in Construction, OzHelp) under the National Suicide Prevention and Leadership Support Program.
- *[If needed]* HALT aims to promote awareness of suicide prevention supports for tradies support services for people employed in trade occupations, primarily men.

2022-23 Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Contracts		
Contract Type	No. of Grants	Funding in 2022-23 (\$)
Grants	249	1,211,544,417
Procurements	57	39,056,068

Grants number excludes inactive and draft grants

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To: Minister Butler

cc: Assistant Minister McBride

Subject: DEPARTMENT INITIATED INFORMATION BRIEF: MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION CONTRACTS

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#### Key Issues:

1. This brief provides an overview of the all funding under Program 1.2 – Mental Health as at 10 October 2022.
2. Program 1.2 – Mental Health currently has 272 active contracts (grants and procurements) with a total value of \$1.1 billion in 2022-23. A list of these contracts, including their purpose, funding details, selection process and advice on if the funding is well targeted and delivering the intended outcome, is at **Attachment A**.
3. Contracted Program 1.2 funds have been provided in accordance with the *Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines* or the *Commonwealth Procurement Rules*. Funding opportunities are outlined in Grant Opportunity Guidelines or Approach to Market documentation and published on the GrantConnect and AusTender websites.

#### Competitive process

4. A competitive funding process involves a merit-based assessment of eligible applications against the nominated selection criteria and other applications. Competitive rounds can be 'open' to the market or 'targeted' to an identified cohort of the market based on specialised requirements or geographical considerations.

5. There are 57 non-Primary Health Networks (PHN) contracts that were subject to a competitive selection process with a total value of \$64.2 million in 2022-23, comprising:
  - a. 43 contracts from ongoing funding which mostly relate to the National Suicide Prevention Leadership Program and the Mental Health Care Minimum Data Set.
  - b. 14 contracts from terminating measures across a broad spectrum of programs.

#### *Non-competitive process*

6. A non-competitive 'closed' funding process is where a provider is approached directly based on their past performance or characteristics of the particular market, with their suitability assessed against nominated selection criteria. Non-competitive processes are appropriate where there is a lack of competitive providers in the market based on specialised requirements or geographical considerations. This process has been used by the Department to ensure continuity of specialised services and programs delivered by particular organisations, and where organisations have been identified and selected by Government, for example as part of a Budget process.
7. There are 116 non-PHN contracts selected through a non-competitive process with a total value of \$280.0 million in 2022-23, comprising:
  - a. 22 contracts from ongoing funding which mostly relate to the Program for Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma, and strengthening mental health and suicide prevention data accountability and quality.
  - b. 88 contracts from terminating measures from a broad spectrum of programs.
  - c. 6 one-off contracts absorbed from existing funding.
8. There are 99 non-competitive contracts with PHNs with a total value of \$764.5 million in 2022-23, comprising:
  - d. 31 contracts from ongoing funding for primary mental health care.
  - e. 68 contracts from terminating measures which relate to Commonwealth psychosocial support, headspace Demand Management and Enhancement Program, bushfire response and one-off projects.

#### *Expiring contracts*

9. Of the 272 active contracts, 148 are effectively expiring in 2022-23. Any decisions to continue funding for terminating measures, or to cease ongoing funding arrangements, will need to be made in the context of the 2023-24 Budget process. The Department will provide specific advice on these options, including risks and sensitivities.

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**Budget/Financial Implications:** Nil.

**Attachments:**

- A. Current Contracts – Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Division
- B. Grant Rounds – Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Division

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Funding for the Hope Assistance for Local Tradies (HALT) project - a mental health project that includes engaging suicide prevention community workers in South East and North West Melbourne to create awareness on suicide prevention support and services for tradies.	18/11/2019	30/09/2023
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2019- 2020 \$'000	2020- 2021 \$'000	2021- 2022 \$'000	2022- 2023 \$'000	2023- 2024 \$'000	2024- 2025 \$'000	Selection process: Competitive / non-competitive / PHN	Funding is: Ongoing Terminating One-off Absorb
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Anticipated Start Date	Anticipated End Date	Total Funding Over Life	Funding in 2022-23 FY	Selection process: Competitive / non-competitive / PHN	Funded from: Ongoing Terminating One-off Absorb
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