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Question:

Are there terms of reference for the HHF evaluation? Can you provide them to me?

Answer:

The Department of Health's request for quotation for the Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF) program evaluation stated that the objectives are as follows:

The evaluation of the HHF Program will provide advice to the department on the:

- achievements and challenges/barriers of the HHF Program strategic capital investment in health infrastructure projects (excluding the specific research infrastructure-projects) including the improvement of essential health services through access, equity and utilisation; and
- achievements and challenges of the HHF Program strategic capital investment in the medical research infrastructure projects including the benefits to the community and the transfer of research outcomes into practice.

The evaluation will also provide information on the following:

- general conclusions about the HHF in its entirety, based on the evaluation objectives;
- general conclusions for projects with common aims, for example projects providing services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, projects in rural and remote areas, or workforce projects, based on areas identified for detailed investigation; and
- detailed assessment of a small number of 'representative' projects through case study investigation.