

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2013 - 2014, 26 February 2014

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OUTCOME: 11 - Mental Health

Topic: Election Commitment - Clubhouse in Cairns

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: McLucas Jan

Question:

Has the department executed a funding agreement with the proponent, the Mental Illness Fellowship of Queensland NQ Inc?

Can you confirm the amount being funded through the Department of Health towards this project?

Is this funding contingent on the Mental Illness Fellowship of Queensland NQ Inc receiving funding from the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development?

Answer:

The Australian Government committed to provide funding of up to \$350,000 to the Mental Illness Fellowship of Queensland NQ Inc for the establishment of a Cairns Clubhouse.

These funds are currently held by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. The Minister for Health, the Hon Peter Dutton MP and the Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Jamie Briggs MP, have agreed to transfer the project and associated funding to the Department of Health for administration.

The Department of Health has commenced discussions with the Mental Illness Fellowship of Queensland NQ Inc.