

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-102

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: HUGHENDEN AGED CARE FACILITY

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

The Budget papers reveal that \$4.4 million will be spent on a new aged care facility in Hughenden. According to evidence given by Ms C Smith of the Department at Budget Estimates on May 30 it is a different model from that involving an approved provider.

- a) What is this model?
- b) Is it funded under the provisions of the Aged Care Act?
- c) If not how is it funded and under what provisions?
- d) What is the total cost of this facility?
- e) Who is paying what percentage of the costs of this facility?
- f) What are the arrangements for the funding of its running costs?
- g) Who is responsible for its running, up-keep, management and outcomes?

Answer:

- a) This is a collaborative model between the local council and the local community to base community services at a central facility (including those for older people). Rental independent living units (ILUs) are being built for aged pensioners and will include a community recreational area, an onsite caretaker's cottage, onsite respite and offices for the delivery of community services. Occupants of the ILUs will have access to Commonwealth funded community aged care services in the same way as other older Australians.
- b) No
- c) The construction is being funded largely by a capital grant from the Commonwealth which will be managed through a Deed of Agreement under Program 4.7: Flexible Aged Care.

Operational funding is a matter for the Flinders Shire Council.

- d) The total cost is approximately \$5 million.
- e) The Flinders Shire Council will contribute 4 per cent. The local community will contribute 10 per cent. The Commonwealth will contribute 86 per cent.
- f) This is a matter for the Flinders Shire Council.
- g) The Flinders Shire Council is the sole controlling body of the facility and will be responsible for the running, up-keep, management and outcomes of the facility.