

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Northam GP Super Clinic

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

- a) Can the Department give us an update on the Northam GP Super Clinic?
- b) Has a site been chosen for the Northam GP Super Clinic?
On 9 December 2011 the Minister stated that "Negotiations were progressing well" but in the ABC article from 22 March it mentions that funding may be withdrawn?
- c) Had the Department threatened to withdraw funding from the Northam GP Super Clinic?
- d) Can the department explain the comments in the Article?
The article also claims that the federal funding value was \$3.2 million, however the initial announcement was only for \$3 million.
- e) What is the Federal Governments actual contribution to the Northam GP Super Clinic?

Answer:

- a) A funding agreement was executed with the Central Wheatbelt Division of General Practice on 23 April 2012.
- b) The Central Wheatbelt Division of General Practice want to locate the GP Super Clinic within the new Northam Health Precinct, which was funded in the 2012 WA State Budget. The Department will assess the proposal once it is received.
- c) No.
- d) No.
- e) \$3.3 million (GST inclusive).