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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

Royal Hobart Hospital – Commonwealth Funding and Tasmanian State Funding

Perhaps the department can tell me what has happened with the Hobart government—are they contributing to the Hobart Hospital?

Ms Flanagan: Yes, that is certainly my understanding. We have a contract with them.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: It looked precarious at one stage, but it is back on foot?

Ms Flanagan: Yes, it is.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: What is the amount?

Ms Flanagan: I do not know whether my colleagues have detail of the Royal Hobart Hospital contract here; if not, we will take it on notice.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Could you take it on notice. My understanding is that it is less than what was originally intended.

Ms Flanagan: We will take that on notice.

Answer:

The Commonwealth has a Project Agreement with the Tasmanian Government for the Redevelopment of the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH) which was signed on 21 June 2011. The estimated total cost of the redevelopment project is \$565 million. Of this amount, the Tasmanian Government is contributing \$225 million, and the Commonwealth Government is funding the balance.