

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013**

**Question:** E13-133

**OUTCOME:** 5 – Primary Care

**Topic:** National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Grants Program Projects

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**Senator:** Moore

**Question:**

Can we get a list of the kinds of projects [under National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure grants program]? List of some of the things that have been funded under this one in particular. That would be good, and also the total cost of those.

**Answer:**

Projects funded under the National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program included capital works/refurbishment up to \$500,000 (GST exclusive). Construction projects ranged from extending facilities, additional consultation rooms, treatment and teaching areas to building accommodation for junior doctors and medical students. Projects also included the purchase of equipment up to \$250,000 (GST exclusive).

Examples of projects include:

- \$94,590 provided for the purchase of a motor vehicle and equipment to provide outreach psychosocial and psychological support services in Corowa, New South Wales;
- \$41,540 provided for the purchase of optometry equipment for an established visiting clinic servicing a number of rural districts in and around Omeo, Victoria; and
- \$501,500 for construction in Braidwood, New South Wales of a further six consulting rooms, an additional meeting/group room and increased work stations to accommodate growth in staff/services for allied health.