

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-438

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: AGED CARE FACILITY AT HUGHENDEN

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

In relation to the proposed aged care facility at Hughenden:

- a) Did this facility go through the Aged Care Approvals Round process?
- b) If not, why not.
- c) Have any other aged care facilities in Australia bypassed the Aged Care Approvals Round process?
- d) If so, would the department please list those facilities who (sic) have bypassed the Aged Care Approvals Round process?
- e) Would the department please outline the reasons why those facilities bypassed the Aged Care Approvals Round?

Answer:

- a) No
- b) The Aged Care Approvals Round relates to aged care services funded under the *Aged Care Act 1997*.
- c) Yes
- d) Since November 2007, the following services have been allocated capital funding outside the Aged Care Approvals Round process:
 - Barcoo Living Multipurpose Service;
 - Cabanda Aged Care;
 - Glenwood Gardens;
 - Eunice Seddon Aged Care Facility;
 - Germanus Kent House; and
 - Star of the Sea.
- e) Barcoo Living Multipurpose Service - \$500,000 allocated through the Department of

Infrastructure and Transport and transferred to the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) in May 2008.

Cabanda Aged Care - \$1.5 million allocated through the Department of Infrastructure and Transport and transferred to DoHA in May 2008.

Glenwood Gardens - \$1 million allocated as emergency funding to address building safety issues and a new provider took over the service in order to provide continuity of care to the 51 residents.

Eunice Seddon Aged Care Facility - \$3 million provided to meet an unforeseen rise in project costs and to help minimise delay in the provision of residential aged care to homeless people.

Germanus Kent House - \$833,000 provided to cater for additional costs incurred in the construction of Germanus Kent House, located in an area with an urgent need for access to additional residential care (Broome).

Star of the Sea - \$402,726 provided as emergency funding to address building safety issues.