

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: RENAL PROJECTS

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Senator Siewert asked:

Up-date of the status of the projects that are being negotiated with non-government providers and those that are being negotiated with government.

Answer:

Of the 63 projects to be funded under the Health and Hospitals Fund 2010 Regional Priority Round, there are two renal projects. Both of these are in Western Australia.

The negotiations with St John of God Hospital, Bunbury for the \$2.55 million Renal Dialysis Unit Expansion project in Bunbury are proceeding and the Department of Health and Ageing expects that the agreement will be signed this financial year.

The negotiations with the Western Australian Government for the \$45.77 million project “Bringing Renal Dialysis and Support Services Closer to Home” are continuing. The Western Australian Government is yet to confirm the location of some of the clinics.