

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-047

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: BLUE MOUNTAINS (SPRINGWOOD) GP SUPER CLINIC

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

Could you provide the scoping studies for the Springwood Super Clinic as they relate to the number of GP's and specialists it was anticipated the facility would need?

As well, could you also provide the scoping studies as they related to projected patient numbers?

Answer:

Under the Invitation To Apply (ITA) process for each competitive site ,including the Blue Mountains GP Super Clinic, applicants are required to submit proposals that address a range of criteria including the services that will be offered to meet the primary health care needs and priorities of the region, as defined in the ITA.

The size and composition of the workforce to deliver these services are a matter for the operator of the Clinic to determine, in line with the health needs and priorities of the local community. These are expected to change over time as the patient base for the Clinic grows.