

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-114

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: TASMANIAN GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Bushby asked:

If the Department is unable to provide all or any of these details, please specify why it is unable to do so in respect of each.

- a) Have any of the Tasmanian clinics applied for an Area of Workforce Shortage classification and if so, why?
- b) What were the operating hours for each of Tasmania's GP Super Clinics over the Christmas/New Year period?
- c) When is the Integrated Care Centre, adjoining the Clarence GP Super Clinic, expected to be completed?
- d) Has the Tasmanian government requested any additional funding to complete the ICC? If so, when, how much, and for what specifically?

Answers:

- a) Information regarding the Areas of Need program in Tasmania should be directed to the Tasmanian Government.

In terms of applications for preliminary assessment of districts of workforce shortage the Department of Health and Ageing does not provide details concerning these applications to a third party without receiving express written consent to do this from the applicant.

- b) The usual opening hours for GP Super Clinics that have been operational for more than four months can be found in the Implementation Progress Summaries located on the Department's website at:
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/pacd-gpsuperclinics-latestnews>
- c) The Integrated Care Centre project is not managed by the Department of Health and Ageing. The Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services has advised that the Integrated Care Centre is expected to be completed in mid 2012.
- d) As a general rule, the Department does not disclose information on individuals or organisations who seek funding. Successful applicants for funding and the value of the funding are reported on the Department's website.