

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-146

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: REGIONAL CANCER CENTRES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

- a) Can the Department confirm that the progress of all Regional Cancer centres is proceeding according to plan?
- b) Have contracts been entered into for all capital works for every project?
- c) What are the expected completion timeframes for all projects and have these changed from original completion timeframes?
- d) Are all projects being delivered on budget? If not, what are the revised project costs?
- e) Has there been any reduction in scope of projects to contain costs? If so, please list which projects are affected and detail what the revised project outcome will be?

Answer:

- a) 21 Regional Cancer Centre projects were announced in the Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF) Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) Round. A further two RCCs were announced in the subsequent HHF Regional Priority Round.

The Commonwealth has entered agreements for 17 of the projects. Of these, eight are proceeding to completion in line with the original agreement. Of the remaining nine projects:

- four are proceeding to completion on revised timelines;
 - four have recently advised of delays that may impact on project completion dates; and
 - one is on hold.
- b) No. Of the 17 projects with agreements in place, the one project on hold has not entered into a contract with builders.
 - c) See completion timeframes for all 23 RCC projects at Attachment A (Table 1 – Seventeen projects with agreements in place and Table 2 – Six projects with agreements not yet in place).

- d) All RCC projects under way are expected to be delivered on budget, with the exception of the one project which is on hold (as at March 2012).
- e) No RCC projects have had their scope reduced to contain costs.