

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-147

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: HEALTH AND HOSPITALS FUND – REGIONAL PRIORITY ROUND 3

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

- a) Can the Department confirm that every project is expected to be completed on time, within budget and meet the original scope of the project?
- b) Please detail any variations first?
- c) Has DoHA entered into contracts for all capital works to be carried out for all 63 projects?

Answer:

- a) It is expected that each project funded under the Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF) 2010 Regional Priority Round will be completed within the timeframes set out in the agreement (once concluded), within budget and will meet the scope of the project as set out in the agreement.
- b) The Department of Health and Ageing is currently negotiating a variation with the Tasmanian Government to the Project Agreement for the Redevelopment of Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH). The Tasmanian Government has integrated the Women's and Children's Hospital in Hobart project and the Redevelopment of RHH project into one Project Agreement, which has resulted in a minor change to one milestone for the Redevelopment of RHH project. The variation will have no impact on the budget or final completion date of the project.
- c) As of 1 March 2012, the Department has entered into agreements in relation to eight of the 63 projects funded under the HHF 2010 Regional Priority Round.