

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-148

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: HEALTH AND HOSPITALS FUND – REGIONAL PRIORITY ROUND 4

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

- a) Is the Department on track to announce all successful projects by May 2012?
- b) Have the successful projects been chosen?
- c) Are there any projects which will be funded which did not satisfy the HHF Evaluation Criteria?
- d) How many applications were received for Round Four and what was the total dollar figure of all applications?
- e) Were any applications rejected prior to consideration by the HHF Advisory Board for failing to meet the core funding criteria under the HHF Evaluation Criteria?
- f) If so, what projects were rejected?
- g) Who will make the final decision on projects to be funded?

Answer:

- a) Successful projects are expected to be announced in the May 2012 Budget.
- b) Eligible applications are currently being considered by Government as part of the 2012 Budget process.
- c) Under section 252 of the *Nation-building Funds Act 2008*, projects can only be funded from the Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF) if the independent HHF Advisory Board has assessed them as satisfying the HHF evaluation criteria.
- d) There were 213 applications received for Round 4, totalling approximately \$3.4 billion.
- e) No applications were rejected prior to consideration by the HHF Advisory Board. One application was withdrawn by the applicant during the assessment process.
- f) N/A

- g) The Government will decide which eligible projects will be funded under HHF Round 4 as part of the 2012 Budget process.