

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINICS

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Senator Furner asked:

Are there any Indigenous services at Brisbane Southside, Ipswich and Strathpine GP Super Clinics?

Answer:

Ipswich GP Super Clinic is a registered practice for the Closing the Gap Practice Incentive Program, and Brisbane Southside GP Super Clinic (Annerley and Meadowbrook hubs) have applied for inclusion in this program. In addition, services at both GP Super Clinics, including chronic disease management and specialist services, are available for members of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Both Brisbane Southside and Ipswich GP Super Clinics also work with the Institute of Urban Indigenous Health, the ATSI Community Health Services at Woodridge and Woolloongabba, and the Kambu Medical Services Inc (Ipswich) to share clinical, cultural and local knowledge to improve services for the Indigenous communities and to ensure services are not duplicated but complement each other. GP Registrars at the Clinics undertake a clinical rotation at these Indigenous health services, and cross cultural awareness training is facilitated by the University of Queensland Centre for Indigenous Health and Inala Centre of Excellence for Indigenous Health.

Strathpine GP Super Clinic provides an Indigenous Health Nurse who consults with local Elders about service issues. The Strathpine GP Super Clinic is also a Closing the Gap Practice Incentive Program registered Practice.