

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013

Question: E13-062

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: QLD Super Clinics (Mt Isa)

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Boyce

Question:

- a) What is the status of the Super Clinic promised for Mt Isa?
- b) Is it correct that not even a site has been chosen and purchased?
- c) Can you detail all the reasons for the lack of progress of the promised Mt Isa Super Clinic?

Answer:

- a) The design of the Clinic is currently being finalised in conjunction with advice from consultants and the tender for the refurbishment of the property is expected to be released in late April or early May 2013. Following the execution of a construction contract, the refurbishment is expected to take approximately six months to complete and a further month before the commencement of clinical services.
- b) No.
- c) The preferred site, on the corner of Ryan and Miles Streets, Mt Isa, was in the hands of an administrator and a contract to purchase the site was entered into in 2011. Settlement on the purchase was delayed until the Court released the property for settlement in August 2012. Settlement occurred in September 2012.