

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013

Question: E13-068

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: After-Hours Medical Care in Tasmania/Tasmania Medicare Local (TML)

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Senator Bushby

Question:

- a) Has the TML tender for the provision of after-hours medical services in Tasmania been filled? If the answer is yes, please detail the successful applicant/s.
- b) What services were undertaken to be delivered by the successful applicant?
- c) Will the successful applicant/s offer all the services provided by the previous provider of after-hours medical care, GP Assist Tasmania? Please list any differences in care to be provided.
- d) Will the successful applicant make available a triage doctor on Saturday mornings and/or during regional public holidays?
- e) What processes are in place to ensure the successful tenderer delivers all services undertaken in their tender documentation?
- f) What is the annual amount that the Department will pay the successful tenderer for the provision of the tendered services?

Answer:

- a) The TML has been conducting planning for comprehensive after hours services to be in place from 1 July 2013 that will ensure the value-added features of the GP Assist model are retained as a key feature of the new service model. Importantly, this new service will link in with Healthdirect Australia national infrastructure. The TML tender closed on 13 February 2013 and the outcome is being finalised.
- b) to e)
To be specified following the tender outcome.
- f) Funding for all after hours services from 1 July 2013 will be available via the network of 61 Medicare Locals.