

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-293

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: HUGHENDEN FACILITY

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Further to evidence at p.48, please provide further details about the "model" for the Hughenden facility. Are there other comparable facilities in Australia?
- b) How many self-contained units will be on the site?
- c) What community facilities will be co-located on the site?
- d) Pursuant to which program is the funding being provided?
- e) What is the exact contribution of the community?
- f) What is the exact contribution of the council? Which council?
- g) Will any funding for the facility or services proposed at the facility be provided by the Queensland government? If so, please provide details.

Answer:

- a) This is a collaborative model between the local council and the local community to base community services, including those for older people, at a central facility. Rental independent living units (ILUs) for aged pensioners clustered around a community recreational area, inclusive of an onsite caretaker, onsite respite and offices for the delivery of community services. Occupants of the ILUs will have access to Commonwealth funded aged care services in the same way as other older Australians. The Department is not aware of any other specific comparable facilities in Australia.
- b) There will be 12 self-contained units on site.
- c) A recreation room, a respite unit and office space related to the delivery of community services will be co-located on the site.
- d) Program 4.7: Flexible aged care

- e) The local community will contribute approximately \$500,000 to the construction of the facility.
- f) The Flinders Shire Council will provide \$200,000 in cash and in-kind support towards the construction of the facility.
- g) As far as the Department is aware the Queensland government is not proposing to contribute to funding for the facility or to fund any services at the facility.