

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 1: Population Health

Topic: Roll-out of Opal fuel to Yalata

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Senator: Senator Siewert

Question:

- a) When do you expect a new Opal fuel facility to be operational in Yalata?
- b) Why wasn't this facility completed in 2011 as originally hoped?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Health and Ageing has negotiated a proposal for a stand alone fuel unit to supply low aromatic Opal fuel to Yalata community. It is expected a funding agreement will be formally offered in July 2012 with the facility expected to be operational by early 2013.
- b) The facility was not completed in 2011 as originally hoped because:
 - 1) the Yalata community found it difficult to confirm details about the preferred site for the stand alone fuel unit;
 - 2) appropriate lease conditions between the Yalata community and the Aboriginal Lands Trust needed to be established for the use of the land for a fuel storage facility; and
 - 3) the Yalata community had difficulty securing a contractor for the installation of the stand alone fuel unit.