

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2013-14, 5/6 & 7 June 2013**

**Question: E13-192**

**OUTCOME:** 5 - Primary Care

**Topic:** GP Super Clinics

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**Senator:** Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

How many of the GP Super Clinics have:

- a) Had their funding agreements varied?
- b) Which ones and for what reasons?
- c) To what extent has inclement weather caused delays?
- d) Should the original agreement have included "weather permitting", or did it include anything referring to weather?

**Answer:**

a) to c)

All funding agreements have either had, or will have, variations to the agreements due to the nature of external influences on multi-million dollar construction projects. Variations can be a result of identifying and finalising land, sourcing finance, local council planning and approval processes, availability of construction workforce, materials, inclement weather conditions, and changes in funding recipients' partnership arrangements or project contacts.

- d) There is no reference to weather conditions in funding agreements. The initial construction timelines incorporated into funding agreements take into account some contingency timeframes for weather; however significant weather events cannot be anticipated. Weather clauses are typically included in construction contracts between funding recipients and contractors.