

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**Question:** E13-193

**OUTCOME:** 5 – Primary Care

**Topic:** Cobram GP Super Clinic

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**Senator:** Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

At our last estimates I understood that there was completion in January for the Cobram GP Super Clinic, and then there was a funding agreement for \$1 million signed in May 2011. The \$1 million grant was to cover the fit-out of the dental equipment at that clinic.

- a) Can you explain what this fit-out entailed?
- b) What equipment was purchased?
- c) Did any of the funds go on salary?
- d) When did that fit-out occur?

**Answer:**

a) and b)

The Cobram Medical and Dental Centre (the Cobram GP Super Clinic) project involved the extension and refurbishment of an existing facility, part of the Cobram Health campus, which also includes hospital and residential aged care facilities.

The GP Super Clinic funding of \$1 million provided by the Commonwealth enabled the completion of the fit-out of the dental wing, installation of IT systems and the construction of a car park for patients, enabling easier access for patients.

The fit-out of the dental equipment was extensive and consisted of 38 pieces of specialised dental equipment including, but not limited to, the examples provided below:

- Compressors;
- Suction units;
- Lead apron;
- Digital x-ray;
- Hand instruments;
- CO2 pulp tester; and
- Dental chairs (5).

- c) The funding was not expended on staff salaries.
- d) The fit-out was completed in August 2011 and the Dental Clinic became fully operational on 11 August 2011.