

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 10 - Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: Health Infrastructure

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

Just bear with me for a moment. In relation to those cancer centres, Ms Smith, on the website it has: 'Project'; 'Funding (Cwth)'; 'Approximate catchment population'; 'Satellite sites', 'Services to be provided'. Could you take on notice the progress towards those projects? Against the services to be provided? Okay. Can you tell me: are they all progressing as planned?

Answer:

In total there are 25 regional cancer centre projects*. 23 of the 25 projects in the Australia-wide network of regional cancer centre projects are funded under the Health and Hospitals Fund. Of the 25 projects, one is delayed by greater than six months. The details are provided below:

Project	Original Completion Date	Forecast Completion Date
Central Integrated Regional Cancer Service, QLD	May 2013	August 2015 – delays due to factors including weather and site selection for the Hervey Bay site.

*On 4 October 2013, the funding recipient for the Nambour Regional Cancer Centre advised the Commonwealth that it had resolved to close the facility.