

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 4 - Acute Care

**Topic:** Integrated Services

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**Senator:** Moore, Claire

**Question:**

Can you give us any detail on the Townsville-Mount Isa integrated service? There are three in the list that have that 'integrated service' beside the name. What does that mean? What is the difference between a centre and one that is like the Townsville-Mount Isa one, an 'integrated' regional one?

**Answer:**

The Commonwealth is providing \$70.1 million from the Health and Hospitals Fund for the enhancement of cancer services in Townsville and Mt Isa hospitals to provide a Regional Cancer Centre. Construction has commenced on the Townsville site, and services in Mt Isa have been operational since early 2013.

There are 26 Regional Cancer Centres that have been funded by the Commonwealth. In the context of this list, there is no material difference between a Regional Cancer Centre and an Integrated Regional Cancer Service. When applying for funding, Regional Cancer Centres devised their own names and some places included the term 'Integrated' while others did not.