

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Mersey Hospital

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Urquhart, Anne

Question:

On the Mersey Hospital deal between the Commonwealth and Tasmanian Governments (announced on 5 April 2017) is for the Commonwealth to return ownership of the hospital to the Tasmanian Government and provide a one-off payment, exempt from GST calculations, of \$730.4 million by June 30 2017. In coverage of the announcement, the Tasmanian Minister for Health said the money would be quarantined for operations of the Mersey Hospital and would last between 10 and 12 years.

Can the Department of Health provide a copy of the 2017 agreement between the Commonwealth and Tasmanian Governments regarding the Mersey Hospital?

Answer:

The signed National Partnership Agreement is attached.