

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-310

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) How many offer after-hours services - detail the clinics, their opening times and services offered?
- b) How many offer weekend services - detail the clinics and their opening times and services offered?
- c) How many offer round-the-clock services?
- d) How many provide dental services?
- e) How many provide renal and cancer services?

Answer:

a and b)

The most recent advice from GP Super Clinic operators is as follows.

Location	Opening Hours	Services	After Hours
164 Inglis Street, Ballan	Monday and Friday 8:30am - 9pm, Tuesday to Thursday 8:30am to 6:30pm	GPs, practice nurse, and allied health professionals (dental, dietetics, physiotherapy, podiatry, occupational therapy, psychology, pathology, echo cardiograms, optometry, audiology, district nursing, community health nursing, women's clinics, chronic disease management, drug and alcohol support services, welfare support services, respiratory clinics and transport connection).	Saturday 9am to 3pm. 24 Hour Emergency Care by the GP Super Clinic GPs provided in the co-located Bush Nursing Hospital. Allied Health services are also available through an on-call system with the Bush Nursing Hospital.
328 Gympie Road, Strathpine	Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm.	GPs, nurses (practice, mental health and indigenous health), and allied health professionals (dietician/diabetes educator, physiotherapist, exercise physiologist, chiropractor,	Saturday 8am to 6pm (GPs and dietetic, pathology, exercise physiology and psychology services) Sunday 9am to 5pm (GPs).

Location	Opening Hours	Services	After Hours
		psychologist and podiatrist. X-ray, ultrasound and audiology services).	Employs a medical deputising service to cover for all other times ensuring patients have 24 hour access to GP care.
29 Stockton Street, Nelson Bay Port Stephens	Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 8am to 5pm, Tuesday and Thursday 8am to 8pm	GPs, practice nurses; and Allied health professionals (diabetes education, psychologist, podiatrist, pharmacists (medication review), visiting medical specialist - geriatrician and physiotherapist). Dedicated aged care service every Tuesday and Thursday morning.	Sundays 10am to 4pm. Psychology - Tuesday and Thursday until 8pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm; Physiotherapist - Tuesday and Thursday until 8pm; Podiatry – Thursday evenings where there is demand; and Pathology - Sundays 10am to 4pm.
Cnr Temple Crescent and Cook Street, Palmerston	Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.	Locum medical practitioners, practice nurse, physiotherapist, dietetics and psychologist.	Urgent Care After Hours Services are available between 6pm to 8am, seven days per week, within the Palmerston Health Precinct and from 8am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday through the Health Direct, national call centre.
8 Wenvoe Street and 144 A-B William Street, Devonport	Wenvoe Street: Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 6.30pm, Friday 8.30 to 5.30pm William Street clinic: Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm	GPs, nurses and allied health professionals (audiologist, osteopath, psychiatrist, occupational physicians, orthopaedic surgeon, rheumatologist, consultant physician). Preventative and chronic disease management clinics for skin cancer screening, asthma, diabetes and cardiac rehabilitation.	Wenvoe Street: Saturday 9am-11.30am. William Street: Saturday: 9am to 11.30am. Participates in a shared weekend roster with East Devonport Medical Centre.
Cnr Reynolds Road and Princes Highway, Belmont, Geelong	Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm.	GP's, practice nurses, family planning including antenatal shared care, physiology, dietician, podiatry, diabetes and respiratory education, mental health nurse, physiotherapist exercise including walking groups, resistance and agility group.	After Hours are available through an on-call system with Melbourne Locum Service from 6pm to 5am and GP Super Clinic doctors are on call from 5am to 8am.
11 Salisbury Road, University of Queensland Ipswich Campus, Ipswich	Mon to Fri 8am to 6pm.	It will provide an Urgent Care Clinic, standard GP services, and a chronic and complex skin service.	An existing service, Ipswich After Hours Co-operative, currently provides local after hours care.

c) Refer to a) and b).

- d) One operational GP Super Clinic, Ballan (Vic), offers dental services. In addition, the Katoomba spoke of the Blue Mountains GP Super Clinic and the Southern Lake Macquarie GP Super Clinic offer dental services as part of their early service arrangements.
- e) The Devonport GP Super Clinic has a new mole scanner and conducts skin cancer clinics. As part of their early service arrangements, the Bendigo GP Super Clinic offers nurse-led services which could include renal services and the Townsville GP Super Clinic offers skin cancer clinics.