

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-312

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked

What response does the department have that the affected medical practices were not consulted before a GP Super Clinic was announced for Townsville, Queensland?

Answer:

A local information and consultation meeting for the Townsville GP Super Clinic was held on 5 November 2008.

A range of interested health professionals and consumers attended that evening including local residents, Queensland government representatives, the local Division of General Practice, James Cook University and local health professionals, e.g. general practitioners, pharmacy and pathology providers and an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical service.

A summary of the local information and consultation meeting for the Townsville GP Super Clinic is available on the GP Super Clinic web pages at: www.health.gov.au/gpsuperclinics