

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October

Question: E10-313

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) What plans are there for further industry consultation?
- b) Will you invite submissions from affected medical practices and other key stakeholders in the local communities?
- c) Are these clinics providing only complementary services or are they competing with existing general practices?

Answer:

- a) In line with Minister Roxon's announcement of 28 October 2010, consultations will begin over the coming months and continue into early 2011 for the following 13 local communities: Adelaide, Caboolture, Canberra, Darwin, Emerald, Gold Coast, Lower Hunter, Mackay, Mt Barker, Sunshine Coast, Townsville, West Pilbara, and Wynnum.
- b) The consultations and competitive grants processes are open to all interested parties.
- c) GP Super Clinics are expected to complement and enhance the range of existing health services to meet local needs. Linkages between GP Super Clinics and local health services are encouraged and it is intended that GP Super Clinics will integrate with local programs and initiatives. There will also be opportunities for GP Super Clinics and existing health services to develop partnership approaches to local health service planning and co-ordination. Some health services may be interested in providing services within the GP Super Clinic on a sessional basis. It is also possible that some GP Super Clinics will involve interested local health professionals or practices in training or research activities.