

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-410

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: MERSEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Written Question on Notice

Senator Colbeck, asked:

- a) When does the current Commonwealth funding contract for the operation of the Mersey Community Hospital in Tasmania expire?
- b) At what stage is the negotiation between the Commonwealth and the Tasmanian Government for a further funding contract for operation?
- c) What interim funding arrangements have been agreed for the Mersey Hospital?
- d) Will there be any amendments to the contract between governments with respect to: service delivery; staffing capital works; other funding levels; aspects; and length of the contract?

Answer:

- a) The current Heads of Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Tasmanian Governments expires on 30 June 2011.
- b) The Commonwealth and Tasmanian Governments have commenced discussions.
- c) No interim funding arrangements have been agreed for the Mersey Hospital, noting that the current Heads of Agreement does not expire until 30 June 2011.
- d) Details of the new arrangements are yet to be settled.