

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-102

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Bushby asked:

Could you please detail for each of Tasmania's GP Super Clinics (Clarence, Burnie and Devonport):

- a) The number of services provided at each clinic and a breakdown of how many were GP services and allied services?
- b) How many presentations at each clinic?
- c) How many Full Time GPs are practising at each clinic?
- d) Are these GPs new to the area, or have they transferred from existing clinics in the area?
- e) How many female GPs does each clinic have?
- f) How many male GPs does each clinic have?
- g) What are the operating hours of each clinic?
- h) Can you please detail the out of hours services provided by each clinic?
- i) What teaching opportunities exist for nursing, allied health and medical students at each clinic?
- j) How many placements has each clinic had?
- k) Are any patients bulk billed? If not, why not? If so, what proportion of patients are bulk billed?
- l) Can you please detail the locum use for each clinic?
- m) How much does the locum cost total for each clinic?
- n) Do the clinics offer home visits?
- o) Has any of the three Tasmanian clinics received additional funding than what was originally allocated?

Answer:

- a) As advised previously, the Department of Health and Ageing provides self reported numbers of service presentations at an aggregated level only. Self reported services numbers for individual clinics are not made publicly available by the Department.

As at end September 2011 there had been approximately 634,000 presentations at the (then) 15 operational GP Super Clinics. Of these, there were approximately 477,000 presentations that were for GP services and approximately 156,000 presentations for nursing/allied health services.

- b) Please refer to response for a) above.
- c) As at end September 2011, there were a total of 93.8 full time equivalent general practitioners providing services at the 15 operational Clinics. The number of individuals comprising this workforce is substantially greater.
- d) The Department does not collect this information.
- e) The Department does not collect this information.
- f) The Department does not collect this information.
- g) Information drawn from Implementation Progress Sheets for operational Clinics is available on the Department's GP Super Clinics website. The information on the website includes information such as the hours of operation, the education and training of the future primary health care workforce, the billing policy and any arrangements for home visits by GPs for the Devonport, Burnie and Clarence GP Super Clinics.

The Department's GP Super Clinics website can be found at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/pacd-gpsuperclinics>

- h) Please refer to response for g) above.
- i) Please refer to response for g) above.
- j) All Tasmanian GP Super Clinics will provide training and educational opportunities for the future primary care work force.
- k) Please refer to response for g) above.
- l) The Department does not collect this information.
- m) The Department does not collect this information.
- n) Please refer to response for g) above.
- o) No.