

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-135

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

When did the Minister become aware that the foundation [Redcliffe Hospital Foundation] had signed this \$11 million contract and had only accessed \$6.7 million in secured funding?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing wrote to the Minister in late April 2011 advising that in line with its proposal to establish the Redcliffe GP Super Clinic, the Redcliffe Hospital Foundation was seeking to access commercial borrowings to complete the construction of the Clinic and had sought the necessary permission from the Queensland Government to do so.