

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-377

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: WALLAN GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) What is the total Commonwealth expenditure to date at the Wallan GP Super Clinic and Wallan Integrated Primary Health Care Centre site?
- b) From which programs has this expenditure been drawn?
- c) What was the original commitment for the Wallan GP Super Clinic?
- d) When were the additional funds to Wallan GP Super Clinic approved?
- e) What are the differences between the Wallan GP Super Clinic and the Wallan Integrated Primary Health Care Centre?
- f) What services does the Wallan GP Super Clinic offer which are not offered at the Wallan Integrated Primary Health Care Centre?
- g) What services does the Wallan Integrated Primary Health Care Centre offer which are not offered at the Wallan GP Super Clinic?
- h) Is it anticipated that staff at the Wallan GP Super Clinic will also work at the Wallan Integrated Primary Health Care Centre?
- i) Is it anticipated that the Wallan GP Super Clinic will operate out of the same rooms as the Wallan Integrated Primary Healthcare Centre?

Answer:

- a) The information requested relates to the business affairs of the organisation and its provision as a response to the question would be likely to damage the commercial interests of individuals or Mitchell Community Health Service.

- b) The Government is providing \$3.5 million in funding under the GP Super Clinics Program. A funding agreement for the provision of funding under the Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF) is yet to be executed.
- c) \$1 million (GST exclusive).
- d) The then Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon Nicola Roxon MP, announced additional GP Super Clinics Program funding for the Wallan GP Super Clinic on 7 July 2010.

e), f), g), h), and i)

The Wallan GP Super Clinic will be known as the Wallan Integrated Primary Health Care Centre. Funding from the HHF, for which a funding agreement has yet to be executed, is anticipated to provide additional areas for clients, education, training and research as well as increased provision for car parking spaces compared to that proposed to be included in the original GP Super Clinic. The allocation of staff to the delivery of services at the Wallan Integrated Primary Care Centre will be a matter for the operator, Mitchell Community Health Service.