

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-379

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: COBRAM GP SUPER CLINIC

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) When was Development Approval for the GP Super Clinic granted by the Local Government Authority?
- b) When did construction of the GP Super Clinic commence?
- c) What did the one million dollars fund?

Answer:

- a) Development Approval was not required in this instance, as the project is being undertaken on behalf of the Victorian Minister for Health, who is exempted under an order pursuant to Victorian planning legislation.

b) and c)

The Cobram Medical and Dental Centre (the Cobram GP Super Clinic) project has involved the extension and refurbishment of an existing facility that is part of the Cobram District Health precinct. The project was financially supported by a number of community based agencies and local groups, along with the Commonwealth. The GP Super Clinic funding enabled the completion of the fit-out of the dental wing, allowing the expansion of dental services and training for dental students.