

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-400

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINIC PROGRAM

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) When did the Department notify the Minister for Health and Ageing that the Redcliffe Hospital Foundation had signed a construction contract which was almost 5 million dollars greater than the funds available to the Redcliffe Hospital Foundation?
- b) When did the Commonwealth provide written confirmation that the Redcliffe GP Super Clinic could commence construction?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Health and Ageing wrote to the then Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon Nicola Roxon MP, 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.
- b) The information requested relates to the business affairs of the organisation and its provision would be likely to damage the commercial interests of individuals or the organisation.