

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-401

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP Super Clinics

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

For each of the 64 GP Super Clinics:

- a) When was the full financial analysis and probity assessment conducted of the Organisation receiving the GP Super Clinic grant?
- b) When was the assessment that the clinic would be financially viable conducted?
- c) Who conducted this assessment?

Answer:

a) - b) and c)

As published in the GP Super Clinics National Program Guidelines 2010, applications for GP Super Clinics Program funding are assessed by Departmental Application Assessment Panels established for that purpose. Panels may include a government medical officer or other internal or independent health professionals in some localities and may include state or territory government representation.

Application Assessment Panels are supported by:

- An internal and /or independent probity adviser;
- An independent Financial Advisor to advise on the sustainability and financial viability of proposed GP Super Clinic models; and may seek support from
- An Independent Construction Advisor (to advise on the design, costing issues and timeliness aspects of the proposed capital works project).

The assessment of applications occurs following the Invitation to Apply process.