

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11-409

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Minister Butler has made comments that dental services will now be included in Stage 2 of the Riverina GP Super Clinic: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2011-07-26/federal-govt-says-dental-clinic-still-in/2810620>

- a) How is Stage 2 progressing at Narrandera?
- b) What is the Commonwealth commitment and contribution to stage 2? (we suspect zero)
- c) Why have you listed Riverina (Narrandera) as operational when Stage 2 has not been completed?
- d) Isn't it a requirement of the GP Super Clinic program that multi-stage clinics are only classed as operational when all stages are complete?
- e) When can we expect Stage 2 to be completed?
- f) When can we expect dental services to be co-located at the Riverina GP Super Clinic?

Answer:

- a) A further stage for the Narrandera GP Super Clinic remains under consideration by the Clinic owner/operator.

b), c), d), e) and f)

The Government provided \$1million in funding to establish the Narrandera GP Super Clinic. Along with the funding recipient's own contributions, this funding has been expended, and the Clinic completed and operational in line with the requirements of the Funding Agreement. Any expansion of the Clinic is a business decision for the owner/operator of the Clinic and the service providers involved.