

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
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Questions on Notice: AusAID

Question No. 4

Senator Kroger asked on notice

What is the estimate of the costs involved in building a new tuberculosis ward in the hospital in Daru?

Answer:

Costing for the new tuberculosis (TB) ward in the Daru hospital has not yet been completed.

AusAID is working on improving TB services in Daru and South Fly district through a number of activities. The highest priority has been recruiting staff to improve the tuberculosis services in Daru General Hospital and provide outreach services along the South Fly coast (including treaty villages). A TB Medical Officer and TB Program Coordinator have been recruited and will commence work by October 2011.

We anticipate that the scoping study for infrastructure in Daru, including a new TB ward, will be completed by the end of 2011.

In the interim, AusAID is funding the refurbishment of an isolation ward that will be used for TB patients. The cost of this work is \$42,000, and we anticipate it will be completed by the end of October 2011.