

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-11, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-041

OUTCOME 5: Primary Care

Topic: GP SUPER CLINICS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Colbeck asked:

- a) When will the Burnie (Cooee) GP Super Clinic open for client consultations?
- b) The Department has previously stated six GPs will work at the Cooee clinic. The clinic operator has informed the community through the local newspaper that four GPs will work at the clinic. Can the Department confirm the number of GPs that will be working at the clinic when it opens?
- c) What has delayed the opening of the Cooee clinic?

Answer:

- a) The Burnie GP Super Clinic opened on Monday, 7 March 2011.
- b) The Burnie GP Super Clinic operator has advised that five GPs are working at the clinic and that it is their intention to recruit additional GPs.
- c) The local council required the funding recipients for the Burnie GP Super Clinic to address some traffic related issues before it provided Development Approval. This led to a minor delay in the commencement of construction at the clinic.