

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-2011, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-043

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: NORTH WEST REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Written Question on Notice

Senator Colbeck asked:

- a) Have negotiations yet reached an agreement for the funding over financial years of the cancer centre to be built at the North West Regional Hospital in Burnie Tasmania?
- b) When will the assessment for the Tasmanian Government's \$20.65 million application for radiation oncology services for the North West Area Health Service be completed and the outcome announced?

Answer:

- a) An agreement for the cancer centre at Burnie will be finalised once the Health and Hospitals Fund Advisory Board finalises its assessment of the Tasmanian Government's application for radiation oncology services and the Government considers the Board's advice (refer to the answer to 'b' below).
- b) The Health and Hospitals Fund Advisory Board has undertaken an initial assessment of the Tasmanian Government's application. The Board has advised the Minister for Health and Ageing that it will finalise its advice to the Government after it has reviewed the advice of the Tasmanian Government's Clinical Expert Panel on the provision of safe and sustainable radiotherapy services in Burnie. The panel is expected to report in June this year.