

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-168

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: REGIONAL CANCER CENTRES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Can the Department provide a status update on projects funded under the Regional Cancer Centre program – Round Two of funding under the Health and Hospitals fund?
- b) When will successful applications under Round Three the Regional Priority Round be informed of their funding?

Answer:

- a) Of the 21 regional cancer centre projects:
 - Implementation Plans (under the National Partnership Agreement on Health Infrastructure) have been agreed with state governments for the following projects:
 - New England and North West Regional Cancer Centre (NSW)
 - Central Coast Regional Cancer Centre (NSW)
 - North Coast Cancer Institute (NSW)
 - Shoalhaven Regional Cancer Centre (NSW)
 - Illawarra Regional Cancer Centre (NSW)
 - South Australia Regional Cancer Services (SA)
 - Central Integrated Regional Cancer Service (Qld)
 - Toowoomba and South Western Queensland Integrated Cancer Service (Qld)
 - Townsville and Mt Isa Integrated Regional Cancer Service (Qld)
 - Capital Region Cancer Centre (ACT)
 - Negotiation of Implementation Plans for the following projects is nearing completion:
 - Tasmanian Cancer Care (Tas)
 - Ballarat Regional Integrated Cancer Centre (Vic)
 - Expansion of Gippsland Cancer Centre (Vic)
 - Statewide Enhancements to Regional Cancer Centres (Vic)
 - Strengthening Cancer Services in Regional Western Australia (WA)

- Funding Agreements are in place for the following projects:
 - Lismore Cancer Patient and Carer Accommodation (NSW)
 - Enhancement of Service Capability of the St Andrew's Cancer Centre (Qld)
 - Premion Nambour Regional Cancer Centre (Qld)
 - Stage 2 Accommodation Gippsland Cancer Centre (Vic)
 - Albury / Wodonga Patient and Carer Accommodation Centre (Vic)
 - South West Health Campus Comprehensive Cancer Centre (WA)

These funding recipients have all commenced work on these projects and are in the early stages of progress (e.g., project design, land acquisition and early construction).

- b) The Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF) Advisory Board advised the Minister that 114 applications satisfied the HHF evaluation criteria and the Regional Priority Round additional guidance. These projects were considered for funding as part of the 2011-12 Budget process and the 63 projects that are being funded were announced as part of the Budget and the Department is in the process of contacting the successful applicants. The applicants for the remaining eligible but unfunded projects are in the process of being notified by the Department. The applicants for the ineligible projects were notified on 6 April 2011.