

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-11, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-173

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF)

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Are cost blowouts part of the HHF independent assessment process?

Answer:

All applications are subject to rigorous evaluation by the independent HHF Advisory Board against the HHF evaluation criteria and additional guidance. The Board undertakes a benchmarking process to assess construction costs for each project, which ensures that the level of funding for project is within industry benchmarks for different types of construction at different locations. If a project is funded, the funding agreement (non-government recipient) or Implementation Plan (state or territory government recipient) state the maximum Commonwealth contribution for the project.