

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 59

Topic: Launceston Transitional Unit for Aged Patients

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Senator Whish-Wilson asked:

When was One care (organisation running the unit) informed of the decision not to continue funding the Transitional unit?

- a. Noting that this decision has flow on effects for Launceston General Hospital, when was the hospital informed of the decision?
- b. What is the reason for the decision?
- c. Were there any consultations with stakeholders prior to the decision?
- d. Was the Member for Bass consulted?

Answer:

Tasmanian Health Organisation – North (THON), which is part of the Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services and which also runs the Launceston General Hospital, is a transition care provider. The Manor aged care service in Kings Meadows which is operated by OneCare, was subcontracted to deliver some transition care services for THON.

The Department of Social Services has been advised that THON has decided to meet its transition care obligations within its own facility and has consulted with care recipients appropriately.

Questions b, c and d need to be directed to the Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services as the Department of Social Services is not able to respond.