

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Gallagher, Katy

Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: Have the Northern Territory government asked for any extra money?

Mr Cormack: We understand that the first minister has written to the Prime Minister asking for some additional funding, but there is no additional funding allocated in the budget.

Senator GALLAGHER: So the answer is no? Do we take that as a no?

Mr Cormack: There is nothing in the budget, and we are dealing with the contract as per the figures that Ms Cole outlined.

Senator GALLAGHER: How much were the Northern Territory government after?

Mr Cormack: I do not have that letter in front of us. We are happy to take that on notice.

Answer:

The Northern Territory Government wrote to the Prime Minister in February 2016 requesting an additional \$61.7 million for the Palmerston Regional Hospital Project.