

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

With regard to the Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF) Funding as announced in the May, 2011 Federal Budget:

- a) Of the 63 projects detailed under the regional priority round, by State, how many projects have received their funding?
- b) By State, how many projects are still to receive funding?
- c) In Queensland, what are the project names and locations of projects still to receive HHF Funding under the regional priority round?
- d) Of the projects in Queensland listed to receive HHF Funding under the regional priority round, why has funding been delayed?
- e) In Victoria, what are the project names and locations of projects still to receive HHF Funding under the regional priority round?
- f) Of the projects in Victoria listed to receive HHF Funding under the regional priority round, why has funding been delayed?
- g) In the case of Timboon and District Healthcare Service's Integrated Primary Health Care project, when will it receive the \$1 million allocated under the HHF regional priority round?
- h) What is the reason for Timboon and District Healthcare Service not receiving to date its promised funding of \$1 million for its Integrated Primary Health Care project?
- i) Will the allocation contain CPI increases for projects that are delayed given that funding was announced over 18 months ago?

Answers:

- a) A total of \$1.33 billion has been committed to 63 projects under the Health and Hospitals Fund (HHF) Round 3. As at 9 November 2012, 35 HHF Round 3 projects have executed agreements in place, of which 34 projects have received funding:

| State/Territory | No. of Projects that have received funding |
|------------------------|---|
| ACT | 1 |
| New South Wales | 9 |
| Northern Territory | 6 |
| Queensland | 9 |
| South Australia | 5 |
| Tasmania | 3 |
| Victoria | 1 |
| Western Australia | 0 |
| Total | 34 |

Note: The Queensland Government did not want to proceed with the Regional Acute/Subacute Inpatient Mental Health Units project.

- b) Twenty seven HHF Round 3 projects are still to be executed and have not received funding:

| State/Territory | No. of Projects |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| New South Wales | 1 |
| Northern Territory | 1 |
| Queensland | 5 |
| South Australia | 2 |
| Victoria | 13 |
| Western Australia | 5 |
| Total | 27 |

- c) Queensland projects still to receive funding under the Regional Priority Round 3 and their location:

| Project Name | Location |
|--|-------------------------|
| RFDS Charleville Base Redevelopment | Charleville |
| Mental Illness Fellowship of North Queensland Mental Health Hub | Townsville |
| Mater Misericordiae Hospital Rockhampton - Operating Theatre Expansion | Rockhampton |
| Mater Misericordiae Hospital Mackay - Operating Theatre Expansion | Mackay |
| Patient & Family Accommodation Project | Rockhampton & Bundaberg |

- d) Funding has been delayed for these projects due to continuing negotiations over the terms and conditions of the governing agreements.

e) and f)

Victorian projects still to receive funding under the Regional Priority Round 3 and their location:

| Project Name | Location | Reason for delayed funding |
|---|-----------------|---|
| Ballarat Central Primary Care Facility | Ballarat | Continuing negotiations over the terms and conditions of the agreement. |
| Strengthening Aboriginal Services to Close the Health Gap | Bairnsdale | Continuing negotiations over the terms and conditions of the agreement. |
| Integrated Primary Health Care Centre | Wallan | Funding Agreement was executed on 7 th October 2012. The funding Recipient is still to receive funding as they have not yet met the requirements of milestone one. |
| Albury-Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre | Albury-Wodonga | Continuing negotiations with the Victorian government for these projects. |
| Ambulatory Care Centre | Kyneton | |
| Ballarat Dental Clinic | Ballarat | |
| Colac Youth Health Club | Colac | |
| Dialysis Unit Upgrade | Ararat | |
| Expansion of Echuca Regional Health | Echuca | |
| Expansion of Kerang District Health | Kerang | |
| Expansion of Kilmore and District Hospital | Kilmore | |
| Expansion of Mildura Base Hospital | Mildura | |
| Integrated Primary Health Care, Timboon | Timboon | |
| Integrated Regional Cancer Service, Geelong | Geelong | |

- g) Funding for this project will commence when the Project Agreement is executed and the first milestone requirements are achieved.
- h) The Department of Health and Ageing is currently awaiting advice from the Victorian government to finalise the draft Project Agreement.
- i) No.