

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 17 & 19 October 2012

Question: E12-322

OUTCOME 10: Health System Capacity and Quality

Topic: CANBERRA HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PAEDIATRICS
STREAM

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Senator: Senator Humphries

Question:

- a) What program is the project being funding under?
- b) Is it the case that this commitment is made to the ACT on the proviso that it elects a Labor Government at the election on Saturday?
- c) Is the Department aware of any program of spending committed to a state or territory government, or for that matter a foreign government anywhere that the Commonwealth has put dollars in the past, where the commitment was based on one made for a jurisdiction or a hospital or a service or anything of that kind dependent on a particular election outcome before that election occurred?
- d) Has the Department provided any advice to the minister in relation to this announcement?

Answer:

- a) The "project" (Canberra Hospital Emergency Department (paediatric stream)) is anticipated to be funded from Commonwealth resources contingent upon the ACT Government committing to contribute the remaining costs.
- b) See a).
- c) No.
- d) Yes.