MINISTER FOR HEALTH

KALTUKATJARA CLINIC UPGRADE

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The border community of Kaltukatjara has received funding in Budget 2013 to upgrade its health centre.

Also known as Docker River, the community is located about 700km west of Alice Springs and only about 7km from the Western Australian border.

“This is one of the Territory’s most remote communities so it is important residents have access to health care facilities that meet contemporary service and facility standards,” Mrs Lambley said.

Financed through the Commonwealth’s Health and Hospitals Fund, the upgrade is budgeted to cost $3.5 million.

“Widespread engagement with local clinical experts and Community leaders will ensure health services meet the highest possible standards.

“Client privacy, cultural security, clinical workflows and operational efficiency are key elements to the new design.

“The upgraded centre will have a 24-hour on-call access emergency room, separate male and female consulting rooms, children’s consulting rooms, drug storage, dental room and multi-purpose room.

“The clinic is expected to be operating next year.

“The Government’s commitment to upgrade and operate this clinic reflects our determination to provide high standard health services in remote Territory locations.”

The works are additional to planned construction of a $6.4 million new Health Centre at Ntaria (Hermannsberg) and $1.75 million in upgrades to the Papanya Health Centre, which are expected to be completed by early next year.

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