

HOSPITALS, NORTH WEST, IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

1121. Mr L. Graham to the Minister for Health

I refer to the recent announcement that a new 12-bed unit recently opened at Mercy Hospital in Mt Lawley, was built by the State Government for a cost of \$3.4million, and I ask -

- (a) how much is to be spent on similar programs in the North West of the State;
- (b) in which towns and communities will the funds be spent;
- (c) who will be responsible for administering the funds; and
- (d) when will the programs commence operation in each town referred to above?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

- (a) The Mercy Hospital 12 bed unit was specifically designed for psychogeriatric patients. Over the past four years, the Department of Health has completed a range of mental health facilities at Broome, Derby, Karratha and Kununurra. There are no plans for the development of psychogeriatric inpatient units in the North West of the State.
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A