

GRAYLANDS HOSPITAL — PSYCHIATRIC PRACTICE

**189. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Mental Health:**

- (1) Why has a doctor at Graylands Hospital been allowed to make decisions as a psychiatrist when he is registered only as a general medical practitioner?
- (2) How many patients have had their involuntary admissions, their examination and/or their subsequent treatment authorised or supervised by an unqualified practitioner?
- (3) When were questions about this doctor's qualifications first brought to the attention of —
  - (a) the minister; and
  - (b) her department?
- (4) Was the definition of a psychiatrist, for the purposes of the Mental Health Act, changed between 16 November and 6 December 2012; and, if so, did this change affect this doctor's authority to practise?
- (5) Given that the minister's office has conceded that this doctor has made decisions that contravene the Mental Health Act, has this doctor ever been given special dispensation by the Western Australian Board of the Medical Board of Australia to act as a psychiatrist under the Mental Health Act; and, if so, when was he given the authorisation?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I have seen some of the answers to those questions. I asked for some updated information on what was given to me to be provided. At this stage it has not come back to me, but I have the information in the Parliament. I am hoping that it will be with me in a few minutes; and, if so, I will be able to read it out to the member.