

METROPOLITAN HOSPITALS, EMERGENCY SERVICES, MARK REPORT

**528. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

I faxed a copy of this question to the minister's office at 3.00 pm on 11 September. I received a telephone call at my electorate office this morning to tell me that I had asked the wrong question and, therefore, the minister's staff would change the question. I sincerely hope the question I asked is the same as the one to which the parliamentary secretary has an answer.

- (1) Will the minister confirm that in 1996 the Department of Health commissioned Dr Paul Mark to review and report on emergency services in metropolitan hospitals?
- (2) What were the terms of reference for that review?
- (3) Which hospitals were examined in the review?
- (4) When and to whom was the report presented?
- (5) Will the minister now table the report?

**Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:**

Will Hon Derrick Tomlinson please read the first part of the question again?

Hon Derrick Tomlinson: Yes. I am sure this is where there will be confusion. I asked the minister to confirm that in 1996, the Health Department commissioned Dr Paul Mark to review and report on emergency services in metropolitan hospitals. The form of the question I sent in was "Will the minister confirm that in 1996 the Department of Health commissioned Dr Gary Geelhoed, the director of emergency services at Princess Margaret Hospital. . .". I understand that was changed.

Hon KEN TRAVERS: I will provide the answer because I think we are getting fairly close to being on the same wavelength. The question refers to Dr Paul Mark, the director of emergency services at Princess Margaret Hospital.

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Dr Paul Mark was commissioned in 1996 to review and report on emergency services in metropolitan hospitals.
- (2) I table a copy of the terms of reference.
- (3) Royal Perth Hospital, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Fremantle Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital, Joondalup Health Campus, St John of God Hospital, Murdoch, Swan District Hospital, Rockingham District Hospital and King Edward Memorial Hospital were examined in the review.
- (4) The report was completed in November 1996 and presented to the Department of Health.
- (5) Recommendations from the report form part of the activity of the emergency review group currently tasked to consider improvements in emergency department services. Certain aspects of the Mark report have been implemented over the past few years. In June of this year, at the instigation of the chief medical officer, Dr Mark was asked to review progress being made.

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