

SELBY CHILD AND ADOLESCENT CLINIC, FUTURE

**770. Mr MARLBOROUGH to the Minister for Health:**

Will the minister inform the House about the future of the Selby Child and Adolescent Clinic?

**Mr KUCERA replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

This is an important issue because a degree of uncertainty has surrounded this issue, particularly for families and children who use that service. The work to improve the State Government's framework for the delivery of mental health services for children and young people is continuous. A decision on the future of the clinic will be a central tenet of the Government's service framework. The Selby clinic must relocate because the Department of Education has acquired the land on which it stands. Consequently, there has been a degree of uncertainty surrounding the clinic. It is time to progress the issue for the sake of the staff, the children and their families so that they can feel confident about their treatment options. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that I have asked Hon Graham Giffard to chair a review into the relocation of the Selby clinic.

The terms of reference for the Selby child and adolescent mental health service relocation review group has been established, and I expect its report to be presented to me by the end of May. I look forward to the findings of the review committee and to ensuring that the delivery of mental health services to our children are flexible, accessible and responsive to local needs.

The members of the review group are Hon Graham Giffard, chairman; Dr Anne Hodge, director of the mental health programs for the North Metropolitan Health Service; Ms Danute Paweleck, from the Department of Health; Mr Patrick Marwick, from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service advisory group; Mr Keith Wilson and two carer representatives still to be nominated from the Western Australian mental health area; Mr Basil Hanna, who is involved in psychology medicine at the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children; Dr Arvid Linde, the consultant psychologist from the North Metropolitan Health Service; and Ms Karen Milligan, from the Department of Health. The Government is addressing some of the uncertainties that have existed for the past couple of years.