

FIONA STANLEY HOSPITAL — BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH FACILITY

472. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the government's commitment to biomedical research facilities at the Fiona Stanley Hospital.

- (1) What was the original time frame for the construction and operation of these facilities?
- (2) When will these facilities be constructed and in operation at the hospital?
- (3) What commitment will the government make to guarantee that these facilities will not be compromised by the shortage of hospital beds in Perth?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(3) Two biomedical research facilities are planned at the Fiona Stanley Hospital—the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research central research facility and a research and manufacturing facility to accommodate the Cellular and Tissue Therapies Facility of Western Australia. The construction of both facilities will follow the same time line as that for the rest of the hospital. Both facilities are planned to be in operation at the same time as the Fiona Stanley Hospital. The government has committed \$25 million to construct the WA Institute for Medical Research facility. An amount of \$3.2 million has been committed within the hospital for the Cellular and Tissue Therapies Facility of WA.