

BUSSELTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND KEVIN CULLEN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

1411. Mr Masters to the Minister for Health

- (1) Is the Minister aware that the Busselton District Hospital has been assessed as having a serviceable life of less than five years?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the Kevin Cullen Community Health Centre is considered by many local people as being unserviceable, beyond its useful operating life and in urgent need of complete replacement?
- (3) What is the Minister's understanding of the useful operating life of the hospital and of the community health centre?
- (4) What planning has been undertaken to date to assess the best ways of maintaining or expanding the serviceable life of the hospital and community health centre?
- (5) What planning has been undertaken to date to assess the future needs of the Busselton area for a new or upgraded hospital and community health centre?
- (6) If planning has not yet commenced, when will it begin and when does the Minister expect to receive the review's final report?

Mr KUCERA replied:

1. I am advised that the Department of Health is not aware of any specific assessment of Busselton District Hospital as having a serviceable life of less than five years.
2. I am aware of some concerns in relation to aspects of Kevin Cullen Community Health Centre.
3. The useful operating life of the hospital and community health centre would be dependent on service delivery needs and any consequent capital planning requirements.
4. With the establishment of the new Area Health structure in the South West, detailed services planning will now commence. This will result in the determination of future capital requirements at Busselton and will address the need to replace or upgrade the existing facilities.
5. See 4.
6. It is anticipated that the detailed services planning for South West Health will commence in April 2002 and is anticipated to be completed within 3 months.