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PERTH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL — AISHWARYA ASWATH — INDEPENDENT INQUIRY REPORT

73. Hon PETER COLLIER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the independent inquiry into Perth Children's Hospital's Aishwarya review.

- (1) How many times has Aishwarya's CARE Call been accessed since its introduction?
- (2) Has a supernumerary team been put in place? If so, when did it occur? If not, why not?
- (3) How many additional nurses are now employed at PCH and how many of these are allocated to the emergency department?

Hon PIERRE YANG replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Health.

- (1) It has been accessed 327 times.
- Yes. The implementation of the supernumerary team commenced in February 2023 with the final phase, phase 4, completed in October 2023.
- (3) In the period 1 February 2023 to 31 January 2024, PCH recruited 293 new nurses, and of these, 74 were in the emergency department.