

BANKSIA LODGE, MT BARKER

1250. Hon. M.G. House to the Minister for Health

- (1) Is the Minister aware that five beds remain unfunded and unable to be used at the new Banksia Lodge in Mount Barker while people in the community are on a wait list to enter the facility?
- (2) With the demand for beds at aged care facilities at a premium, will the Minister take steps to rectify the situation and lobby the Federal Government for funding to enable these beds to be filled as soon as possible?

Mr KUCERA replied:

1. Yes. I am pleased to say that two of the people on the waiting list have been able to be accommodated, despite local staffing difficulties.
2. The State Government is continuing to work with the Commonwealth to find flexible payment options to appropriately place people requiring residential aged care.