

AUGUSTA HOSPITAL

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

I refer to Augusta Hospital.

- (1) What upgrades have been committed to for Augusta Hospital in relation to the following -
 - (a) automatic door at the front entrance;
 - (b) air conditioning;
 - (c) floor covering; and
 - (d) beds?
- (2) When were each of the above commitments made?
- (3) What capital works are currently in progress?
- (4) What are the current plans for a palliative care facility?
- (5) When will this facility be available?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1)
 - (a) The automatic door installation for Augusta Hospital has been committed to in the security system upgrade program for the south west for 2006-07.
 - (b) The installation of air conditioning in the day room has been committed to in the 2007-08 upgrade program for the south west.
 - (c) The replacement of the floor covering at the front entrance and general ward at Augusta Hospital has been committed to and ordered and is awaiting delivery as part of the 2006-07 south west maintenance program.
 - (d) Patient beds at Augusta Hospital are replaced on an "as needs" basis. There are no plans to replace any hospital beds at Augusta Hospital at this time; however, this continues to be reviewed on a regular basis. All existing beds meet the current standards required.
- (2) The commitments to the above upgrades were made in March 2007 following an annual site audit.
- (3) Capital works currently in progress are the palliative care suite development, the security system upgrade and the internal painting maintenance program.
- (4) The palliative care suite has been costed, and local quotes for building have been obtained. The existing room has been stripped, and the health service is currently waiting on delivery of the cabinets and doorframes.
- (5) The palliative care suite is expected to be ready for use by patients at the end of July 2007, depending on the delivery and installation of the cabinets and doorframes.