

AUGUSTA HOSPITAL

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

I refer to the Augusta Hospital.

- (1) When was the floor covering at the front entrance of the hospital first fitted?
- (2) What sort of heating and cooling is provided at the hospital?
- (3) When were the beds at the hospital first purchased?
- (4) Are there any plans to provide or replace the following at Augusta Hospital -
  - (a) an automatic door at the front entrance;
  - (b) airconditioning;
  - (c) floor coverings; and
  - (d) beds?
- (5) What are the future plans for the Augusta Hospital?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) 1985.
- (2) For heating, boiler-heated hot water is piped through fan-assisted wall and floor-mounted heaters. Cooling is provided by way of evaporative airconditioning in the kitchen, refrigerated airconditioning in the old birth suite and fan-assisted fresh air supply to the main corridors and ward areas.
- (3) Most of the beds were purchased in 1985. Beds receive regular maintenance as part of the regional bed replacement and maintenance program and are in good working order.
- (4)
  - (a) Yes, an automatic door at the front entrance will be installed in July 2007.
  - (b) The airconditioning is under review. The WA Country Health Service - South West has sought advice from airconditioning consultants as a result of a recent spell of hot weather.
  - (c) No. The floor coverings are replaced as required at the end of their useful life.
  - (d) Yes. To date, five beds have been replaced with electric beds. Remaining beds have been converted to a manual wind-up action. All beds are in good working order and are regularly serviced by an external contractor.
- (5) Augusta Hospital has been a multipurpose service since 1999. This service incorporates both acute and community services and is funded by both the state and federal governments. There is no plan to change the role of the Augusta Hospital.