

MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS — JOONDALUP HOME UNITS

6447. Mr A.P. O’Gorman to the Minister representing the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services

- (1) At what stage of the planning and development process is the project to build 22 one-bedroom, self-contained units for people with mental illness on Upney Mews in Joondalup?
- (2) When did planning for this project begin?
- (3) Has there been any community, government, non-government and/or residential consultation about the project?
- (4) If yes to (3) what type of consultation was undertaken, who was consulted and when did this consultation occur?
- (5) What security measures are being put in place in and around the facility?
- (6) What are the processes and procedures that will be followed in the event of an incident?
- (7) Will neighbouring residences be provided with advice as to procedures they should follow should there be an incident?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

1. The Department of Housing commenced construction of the facility in August 2011. The procurement plan for the tendering for the non government service operator is in the final stages of development.
2. 2004
3. Yes
4. In 2006 consultation with the operators of the Joondalup Health Campus resulted in the excision of 6000m² of land for this facility. In 2008 the Department of Health, Mental Health Division, held a workshop for clinicians. In 2009, as part of the building approval process the City of Joondalup undertook a community consultation process and provided positive feedback regarding the development of the Intermediate Care Services facility. In December 2010 NGOs with experience in providing supported accommodation reviewed the facility design. In August 2011 the construction company completed a mail drop to local residents regarding the building works.
5. This facility is a residential style development and as such has no specific security measures.
6. The appointed non government service operator will be responsible for developing policy and procedures regarding the operations of this facility.
7. The appointed non government service operator will be responsible for establishing relationships with their neighbours including how and who the neighbours should contact if they have concerns.