

MENTAL HEALTH — PROJECT 50 INITIATIVE

1018. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to the mental health accommodation project, known as Project 50, which is seeing the construction of unit accommodation in Mandurah for people with mental health conditions.

- (1) How many units are being constructed as part of this program and where are they being constructed in Mandurah and the Peel region?
- (2) Was the Mental Health Commission and the Mental Health Commissioner consulted about the design of these units and their location?
- (3) Which other stakeholders in the local community were consulted about the design, location and model of operation for these units in Mandurah and the Peel region?
- (4) Which model of operation will oversee the support of tenants in these units, and at what cost per tenant and by whom will these services be provided?
- (5) What 24-hour support to tenants of these units will be provided, particularly if tenants experience episodes outside normal business hours?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for providing some notice of the question.

- (1) This is a terrific program that is operating. Fifty individual dwelling units are allocated to this program at the following locations: of the 25 units in the south metropolitan area, two are at Wellard; six at Beeliar; one at Falcon; one at Yangebup; 10 at Mandurah; two at Hamilton Hill; and three at Orelia. Of the 25 units in the north metropolitan area, five are at Butler; three at Carramar; six at Clarkson; one at Midvale; six at Ellenbrook; two at Madeley; and two at Ridgewood.
- (2)–(3) The individual supported accommodation Project 50 initiative was agreed to by the then Mental Health Division of the Department of Health prior to the establishment of the Mental Health Commission. The units were designed according to the Department of Housing universal design specifications for all new public housing dwellings. The location of the units was informed by the Department of Health's waitlist for supported accommodation for people with a mental illness. The model of operation was developed in accordance with the Department of Housing community disability housing program policy and the mental health housing strategy.
- (4) Support for tenants is provided using a mobile psychosocial and recovery support model and involves families and friends. This service is delivered on an individual basis with professional support and group activities as required by an individual tenant. The number of direct hours for individuals will vary and is expected to be more intensive in the first weeks of settlement into their new property. The Mental Health Commission has allocated the non-government organisation Ruah Community Services a total of \$241 233 for 2011–12 to provide these services. Due to the varied needs of the individual, a breakdown per tenant is not possible.
- (5) Clinical services are provided outside business hours by the mental health emergency response line—MHERL—and the community emergency response teams—CERTs. In addition, each tenant has a care plan, which includes a crisis plan for accessing support after hours that is tailored to the needs of the individual.