

BUSSELTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL, CLOSURE OVER CHRISTMAS

1046. Hon Barry House to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

- (1) When the operating theatres at Busselton Hospital were closed for four weeks over Christmas 2003 and two weeks over Christmas 2004, what maintenance was done?
- (2) How many days did it take?
- (3) Did the nursing staff who normally work in the theatre take holidays or other leave during this period or were they allocated other tasks within the hospital?
- (4) During the same periods, how much emergency surgery was conducted?
- (5) Does the Busselton Hospital generate net income from surgical procedures on private patients?
- (6) Has the Health Department provided a formal response to the request from Dr David McDonald for -
 - (a) additional theatre time; and
 - (b) an increase in the limit on public admission from the current level of 12 per annum?
- (7) If so, what was the nature of the response?
- (8) If not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

(1) Maintenance 2003/04 -

- HEPA Filter testing
- Bearing changes on air handling units
- Duct cleaning
- Air outlet cleaning
- Removal of steriliser
- Vinyl flooring repairs
- Patch and paint repairs
- RCD testing
- General lighting repairs and globe changing
- Power outlet testing
- Earthing testing
- Door repairs

Maintenance 2004/05 -

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- (2) The work was undertaken over the period of time that the theatres were closed.
- (3) 2003/04 Staff took annual leave or worked within the Emergency Department and General Ward.
2004/05 Staff either took annual leave or worked on the on call roster for emergency theatre
- (4) 2003/04 No emergency theatre provided therefore four cases were transferred to Bunbury Regional Hospital.
2004/05 One theatre provided for emergency surgery, three procedures carried out.
- (5) The only income that Busselton District Hospital derives is from private accommodation. There is no income derived from theatre fees.
- (6) Yes.
 - a. No additional theatre time.

- b. Yes
- (7) SWAHS advised Dr McDonald that he has been granted the ability to operate on both public and private patients at his discretion. This will need to be done within Dr McDonald's 24 list allocation.
- (8) Not applicable.