

MENTAL HEALTH — QUEEN ELIZABETH II MEDICAL CENTRE —
ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE PRACTICES

150. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to admission and discharge practices as they apply to mental health patients at Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre.

- (1) Are there system or resourcing constraints that impede the discharge of patients on a Friday evening or on the weekend?
- (2) As a corollary, are there system or resourcing constraints that impede the admission of new mental health patients on a Friday evening or on the weekend?
- (3) If yes to (1) and/or (2), what is the nature of these constraints?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Health.

- (1) No.
- (2) No; patients can be admitted on any day of the week, 24/7, if they are assessed as clinically needing a bed. Beds are sourced in accordance with the state bed management policy.
- (3) Not applicable.