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**Deputy Premier of Western Australia
Minister for Health; Tourism**

Our Ref: 25-46668

Mr Mark Warner
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Estimates and Financial Operations Committee
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Dear Mr Warner

**WA HEALTH QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING FOR THE 2015/16 BUDGET
ESTIMATES HEARING**

In addition to answers submitted previously on 15, 19, 22 and 23 June 2015, please find attached the corrected answer to question on notice 30 submitted by Members of the Legislative Council in relation to the 2015/16 Budget Estimates hearing to be held with the Department of Health on Wednesday, 24 June 2015.

Please note the information provided in response to answers (a), (b) and (c for Karratha) were incorrect. The information previously provided was at a point in time for the projects and it did not consider the total On-site Workforce over full duration of the project. The information provided in response to (e) has been revised to provide a succinct answer.

Yours sincerely

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ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 30: Hon S Ellery asked –

Budget Reference: BP#2, Vol 1, Page 140

Item: Asset Investment, Works In Progress; Perth Children's Hospital, Midland Public Hospital, Karratha Health Campus and Busselton Health Campus projects

For each of these four projects:

(a) How many jobs will be created for this project?

Answer: Capital projects above \$100 million are managed by Department of Treasury's Strategic Projects and Asset Sales division on behalf of the Department of Health. Strategic Projects and Asset Sales has advised of the following:

Perth Children's Hospital (PCH)

The estimated Total On-Site Workforce over full duration of the Perth Children's Hospital project is 5,648 people.

Midland Public Hospital

The estimated Total On-Site Workforce over full duration of the Midland Public Hospital project is 7,601 people.

Karratha Health Campus

The estimated Total On-Site Workforce over full duration of the Karratha Health Campus project is 1,700 people.

Busselton Health Campus

The estimated Total On-Site Workforce over the full duration of the Busselton Health Campus project is 1,381 people.

(b) How many of these jobs are:

(i) direct jobs created as part of the construction?

Answer: The Department of Treasury's Strategic Projects and Asset Sales has advised that the response provided in (a) above reflects direct jobs during the construction phase.

(ii) direct jobs created when the facility is in full operation?

Answer:

PCH

The numbers of direct jobs created when the facility is in operation has not been finalised. Current workforce requirements and configuration is being examined, and will be dependent on the suite of services that are planned to be delivered by PCH, and purchased by the Department of Health and the Mental Health Commission.

Midland Public Hospital

The numbers of direct jobs created when the facility is in full operation is 1,032 FTE.

Karratha Health Campus

The number of direct jobs created when the facility is in operation has not been finalised.

Busselton Health Campus

There were no direct jobs created when this facility was completed as existing workforce from the previous Busselton Hospital has been transferred to the new Busselton Health Campus.

Future Service Level Agreements will determine the future services and activity to be delivered which will impact the jobs.

(iii) indirect jobs related to the construction period?

Answer: This has not been determined due to the difficulty in providing accurate estimates.

(iv) indirect jobs related to the operation of the fully operational facility?

Answer: Refer to response for (iii).

(c) How many apprentices will be employed for this project?

Answer: Information for these responses has been sought from the Department of Training and Workforce Development, except for the Perth Children's Hospital which also includes information from its sub-contractors. It is important to note that the Department of Training and Workforce Development does not collect data differentiating between trainee and apprentice numbers through the Priority Start Building Policy.

The Government's Priority Start Building Policy provides a guide for calculating the training requirements for apprentices which is based in the estimated value of the labour of a contract in the first instance.

PCH

The PCH Project has employed 254 apprentices/trainees on the construction of the PCH project to date.

Midland Public Hospital

The Midland Public Hospital Project has employed 102 apprentices/trainees on the construction of the facility.

Karratha Health Campus

The estimated number of apprentices/trainees will be determined as part of the Training Plan to be developed by the successful Managing Contractor responsible for delivery, following

award of the relevant contract.

Busselton Health Campus

The Busselton Health Campus employed 31 apprentices/trainees for construction of the facility.

(d) How many trainees will be employed for this project?

Answer: Information for these responses has been sought from the Department of Training and Workforce Development, except for the PCH, which also includes information from its sub-contractors. It is important to note that the Department of Training and Workforce Development does not collect data differentiating between trainee and apprentice numbers through the Priority Start Building Policy.

PCH

Refer to response for (c).

Midland Public Hospital

Refer to response for (c).

Karratha Health Campus

Not applicable.

Busselton Health Campus

Refer to response for (c).

(e) What was the methodology used to calculate these figures?

Answer: With respect to the methodology for the construction numbers, this information is provided by the Department of Treasury's Strategic Projects and Asset Sales. Estimates are based on actual employee numbers for completed and in-progress projects.

For PCH, the figures for Apprentices and Trainees reflect actual employee numbers provided by the principal contractor. For Midland Public Hospital and Busselton Health Campus, details have been provided by the Department of Training and Workforce Development and reflect the methodology found at Section 7.5 of the Priority Start Building Policy.

PCH Transition direct jobs created are calculated as a count of positions (occupied and vacant) as at April 2015.