

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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**QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE
(Of which some notice has been given)**

Wednesday, 24 September 2014

Hon. Adele Farina to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

I refer to Bunbury Regional Hospital, and I ask –

1. How much funding has been made available in the 2014/15 budget to increase the number of beds available at Bunbury Regional Hospital?
2. How many additional beds will be provided and when will they be available?
3. How many additional staff will be employed to service the additional beds, at what cost and what are the staff position titles?

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Health.

(1) The budget for Bunbury Hospital has increased by \$27.2 Million (27.9%) in 2014/15 compared to 2013/14. This includes improved funding for South West Radiation Oncology Services, the transfer of funds for contracted activity with St John of God Bunbury Hospital and funding for the additional beds to be opened in 2014/15.

With the progression towards an Activity Based Funding model, Bunbury Hospital is no longer allocated funding specifically for beds. Funding provided through the Activity Based Funding framework funds a predetermined volume of activity under the National Efficient Price. This funding can be allocated to activity seen in existing beds, or if hospital capacity allows, additional beds.

(2) Construction of the 10 additional sub-acute unit beds will be completed December 2014. There will be a phased opening with two beds opening in January 2015.

The additional 10 short stay unit beds will be fully functional by November 2014.

(3) The required workforce profile for additional clinical and non-clinical staff is currently being developed. Once this has been completed the full operating costs, staff positions and titles will be finalised.

