

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

Wednesday, 26 November 2014

Hon Alanna Clohesy to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

1. Listed by employment category, how many Swan Hospital staff applied for work at the new St Johns-operated Midland Hospital, and how many of those have been offered roles?
2. Why were there no compulsory staff transition quotas specified in the management contract for the new Midland Hospital, as is standard practice in many similar private-public contracts across WA?
3. Is St John's acting in accordance with Contract terms and conditions in employing overseas labour in preference to employing local staff?
4. If the Minister for Health is unable to confirm that many Swan Hospital staff will not receive positions at the new campus, will he undertake to determine the status of these workers as a matter of urgency?

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 North Metropolitan Health Service does not currently hold this information; St John of God Health Care is responsible for their recruitment (and information held in association with their recruitment activities). The recent offers of employment made by St John of God Health Care to Swan District Hospital staff represent only the first phase of their recruitment program.

(2) The Services Agreement between St John of God Midland Health Campus and the State does not specify how staff are to be employed by St John of God Health Care. There is a wide variety of Public Private Partnership models and there is no standard practice for staff transition across them.

(3) Refer to the answer to question (2). St John of God Health Care has publicly indicated a commitment to recruit locally and its Phase 1 recruitment, quarantined to Swan District Hospital and existing St John of God Health Care staff, demonstrates this commitment.

(4) Work is progressing at the Health Service level in relation to Swan District Hospital staff who wish to be deployed to other sites within WA Health after the closure of Swan District Hospital.