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

Wednesday, 25 February 2015

Hon Darren West to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health


I refer to question 1240 asked 18 November 2014 and I ask:

1. Has the design for the upgrade of the Narrogin Hospital been finalised and if not, when will it be finalised?
2. If yes to (1), will the Minister for Health table a copy of the final design?
3. Does the final design include a reduction in bed numbers and if yes:
 - (a) What is the total number of beds lost in the new design; and
 - (b) Why was the decision made to reduce the number of beds?
4. When is the work expected to begin on the upgrade and when is it expected to be completed?

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 initial design is complete with the Project Definition Plan (the Plan) currently being undertaken. Over the next six months the detailed design, which will inform the contract and construction documentation, will be finalised.

(2) No. When complete the Plan will be displayed at the Narrogin Hospital as per standard WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Capital Works communication.

(3)(a-b) While the decision has not yet been made, the final design will consider how many beds, and what type of beds, are required to meet the healthcare needs of the Narrogin community. The current preferred option has a total of 47 multiday and same day beds. The occupancy of existing beds is less than 50%. 

(4) The detailed works plan, which may include early works, is currently being reviewed by the Department of Finance – Building Management and Works and WACHS.