

Division 43: Mental Health Commission —

[Supplementary Information No B24.]

Question: Mr R.H. Cook asked: What are the specific budget items for on-site services for Karratha and Bunbury?

Answer: The Liberal's Mental Health Policy stated:

“a re-elected Liberal Government will continue its commitment to support people with a mental illness by allocating \$6.2 million to develop two further sub-acute facilities, in Karratha and Bunbury. Work will commence on these facilities in 2013/14, with a total of \$2.8 million per annum to provide on site services.”

Work has commenced within the Mental Health Commission to plan for the development of these facilities and this early planning work does not require additional funding in 2013/14. The reference to \$2.8 million per annum for on-site services refers to the commitment of recurrent operational funding that the Government will provide each year when these facilities become fully operational. The Mental Health Commission will advise government of its anticipated funding requirements when the planning for these services is further advanced and this will be considered as part of the normal budget process.

[Supplementary Information No B25.]

Question: Mr R.H. Cook asked: What are the plans for the mental health units at Osborne Park Hospital?

Answer:

- The Review of the admission or referral to and the discharge and transfer practices of public mental health facilities/services in Western Australia was completed by Professor Bryant Stokes AM in 2012.
- That review, contained as its principal recommendation, the need for a comprehensive plan for mental health services across the State.
- As a result, a comprehensive Mental Health Services Plan (the Plan) is being developed which will guide decisions about mental health service provision in Western Australia.
- The Plan will recommend the best mix and location of services needed throughout Western Australia.
- The Plan will provide a blueprint for the number, type and location of inpatient beds in all locations, including Osborne Park.
- Initial information will be available in December 2013 and the plan completed by mid-2014.
- The Plan will deliver the most informed and accurate view of what is required, not only for the north metropolitan area including Osborne Park but also the rest of the State.
- When completed, the Government will consider the recommendations and prioritise action and funding for implementation.