

JURIEN, LANCELIN AND CERVANTES HEALTH FACILITIES

1314. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) When will the two permanent beds at the Jurien Bay Health Centre be commissioned to allow use 24 hours a day?
- (2) Given the minister's commitment in his response to question without notice 753 on Tuesday, 13 November 2001, when will he visit the Jurien, Lancelin and Cervantes health facilities?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Jurien Bay Health Centre was designed as a multipurpose centre rather than a hospital. As such, it was not intended that the beds would be used for 24-hour care. When necessary, the beds are used for stabilising emergency patients prior to evacuation and for short-term observation. The utilisation of the health centre and the needs of the community are kept under review.
- (2) The minister is still committed to the undertaking given in question 753.