

PEEL HEALTH CAMPUS

Statement by Minister for Health

MS A. SANDERSON (Morley — Minister for Health) [1.57 pm]: I would like to take the opportunity to update the house on the transition of health services at Peel Health Campus from Ramsay Health Care into the public hands of the South Metropolitan Health Service in the Department of Health.

As members are aware, the McGowan government announced the end of privatised health services at Peel Health Campus in November 2020, with the return of services to the public sector expected to commence from August 2023. As a consequence of this decision, 890 Ramsay Health Care staff will have the opportunity to transition to the public sector and be employed by the South Metropolitan Health Service, and will retain their prior service, long service and paid parental leave entitlements. Further to this, the government has also made the decision to recognise previously accrued personal leave for employees who transition from Ramsay Health Care to the South Metropolitan Health Service. This significant decision will provide staff previously employed by Ramsay with comfort and assurance, as they raised that this was a significant factor in making the decision to transition to the public sector. I want to thank the unions representing staff at Peel Health Campus for raising this issue with the government. I am pleased that we have been able to achieve the outcome of transition together.

As Minister for Health, I look forward to welcoming the staff as public sector employees in the future.