

HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CAMPUSES — COLLIE HOSPITAL — ENDOSCOPY PROCEDURES

4142. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Health:

I refer to plans by Collie Hospital officials to purchase equipment to enable advanced endoscopy procedures to be performed at the hospital, and I ask:

- (a) what is the total cost of purchasing and installing this equipment;
- (b) what proportion of this total cost will be met by the State Government;
- (c) why are hospital officials seeking 50 per cent of the cost of purchasing and installing this equipment from Collie-based community groups; and
- (d) if said community groups do not fund 50 per cent of the purchase and installation of equipment, will the State Government fund the full amount?

Dr K.D. Hames replied:

The equipment being purchased is known as a Laparoscopic Stack. It is replacing equipment that is still functioning, but at the end of its life. The new equipment has greater capabilities than the equipment it is replacing and will support improved health service delivery at Collie Hospital.

- (a) \$122 505
- (b) In this case the full price of the equipment will be met from donations. From time to time WA Country Health Service (WACHS) is fortunate to receive donations to local hospitals from community members. Donations are held in a separate account for use in line with the donor's requests.
- (c) The organisations making contributions had previously indicated that they had access to funding for initiatives such as the purchase of equipment for the Hospital. Supported by the donations, the purchase of the equipment will be able to occur sooner to enhance services to the Collie community.
- (d) Without funding from community groups, the replacement of this equipment would be via the WACHS South West Medical Equipment Replacement Program (MERP), which is fully State funded.