

FIONA STANLEY HOSPITAL — MEDI-HOTEL

1065. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the announcement on 16 May 2023 by Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson that a medi-hotel with 80 beds had been completed in Murdoch. Although the medi-hotel is intended to free up beds at hospitals, acute emergency care for the hotel will still be provided by Fiona Stanley Hospital. Given that on Tuesday, 12 September, Department of Health emergency department data recorded a total of 132 patients in the emergency department at Fiona Stanley hotel, while the capacity is 65 patients, which is not an uncommon scenario, I ask the following.

- (1) Is the government satisfied that the emergency department at Fiona Stanley Hospital has the capacity to meet demand?
- (2) Is the government concerned that the Murdoch medi-hotel will place additional pressure on the Fiona Stanley Hospital emergency department?
- (3) Would the government consider opening other triage desks at Fiona Stanley Hospital and Rockingham General Hospital, building more emergency theatres at Fiona Stanley, reopening the emergency department at Fremantle Hospital and Health Service or any other measures to ease pressure on the Fiona Stanley Hospital emergency department?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.
- (3) The South Metropolitan Health Service's emergency access program continues to work on the implementation of initiatives across all its hospital sites that are specifically aimed at reducing ramping, improving transfer of care times and improving overall patient flow, all of which contribute to reducing pressure on its hospitals' emergency departments.