

PERTH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL — SEXUAL SAFETY POLICY

861. Ms L. METTAM to the Minister for Health:

I have a supplementary question. Have all recommended safety upgrades now been completed at ward 5A?

Ms A. SANDERSON replied:

There were, I think, 11 recommendations from the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist; 10 are complete and the eleventh is the infrastructure reconfiguration of the ward. The Child and Adolescent Health Service is working with other health service providers on how we decant the current cohort whilst those infrastructure upgrades continue because, essentially, it is the only 20-bed unit in the state. It is the only 20-bed unit, and we cannot close it. We cannot close those beds; no-one else takes children under 16. It is unique, so we have to safely decant those patients into an appropriate setting, and this is very challenging because there is only one paediatric tertiary hospital in the state. We cannot move them to another paediatric tertiary hospital.

The member has lost interest because she is looking at her phone. She has lost interest in the question, and she is moving on to the next. Absolutely, the government has the funding —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

Ms A. SANDERSON: The request for funding was made by the health service, and the government accepted the request and provided the funding. Now, they are doing the important work of planning for that infrastructure so that it can be completed safely, without closing beds.

The SPEAKER: Members, that concludes question time.