

FIONA STANLEY HOSPITAL — NEUROENDOCRINE TUMOUR PATIENT REFERRALS

Petition

HON KYLE MCGINN (Mining and Pastoral — Parliamentary Secretary) [1.04 pm]: I present a petition containing two signatures, couched in the following terms —

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned support the identification of Fiona Stanley Hospital as the ideal referral hospital for all WA NET patients, regardless of geographic location, due to the well-established and experienced NET specialised treatment service, open and current NET clinical trials, as well as the home of the national NET registry sponsored by NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia.

Due to the rarity, complexity and unique nature of the disease, it is widely recognised that to provide optimal care and provide the best outcomes, NET patients must be referred to a specialised Multidisciplinary Team (MDT). These MDT models can be statewide or institution based, however, must be accessible to all and run by NET specialists. Extensive global research concludes that NET patients must then be treated under the guidance of a centre of excellence to ensure that they get access to the most current treatments under the latest national and international guidelines.

This is a successful model, implemented in all Australian states and territories except for WA. This has led to dire patient outcomes and premature death of WA residents, due to delayed diagnosis, access to appropriate and timely treatment, access to specialists and specialist support through a dedicated NET nurse coordinator.

We implore the WA Government to save and improve the lives of its citizens, and to recognise this urgent need, by mandating that all NET referrals go to Fiona Stanley Hospital as a state recognised centre of excellence in Neuroendocrine Tumours

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to support this action to be taken by Legislative Council

[See paper 281.]