

PUBLIC HOSPITALS - EMPLOYMENT OF UNREGISTERED DOCTORS

2337. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that as at December 2006 there were 20 unregistered doctors at King Edward and Princess Margaret hospitals?
- (2) What was the reason for this occurring?
- (3) Are there any currently unregistered doctors working at any Western Australian public hospital as at the date of answering this question?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

1-2 All medical staff working at King Edward Memorial and Princess Margaret Hospitals are registered with the Medical Board of Western Australia. In November 2006 King Edward Memorial and Princess Margaret Hospitals provided information as part of a regular monthly reporting process, to the Director General advising that 20 doctors were not registered, as they had not paid their renewal registration subscriptions to the Medical Board of WA. This internal reporting was incorrect. The Medical Act 1984 section 16A provides for a three-month grace period. As the registration is due on the 1 October each year, the grace period expired on the 1 of January 2007 for these doctors.

All of the above doctors had paid their Medical Board registration by the 7 December 2006.

3. There are no unregistered doctors working at any Western Australian hospital as at 13 June 2007. The Department of Health does not employ doctors who are not appropriately registered.