

HEALTH — MEEKATHARRA HOSPITAL

832. Ms M. Beard to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the commitment to upgrade the Meekatharra Hospital, and I ask:

- (a) What is the current number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff employed at Meekatharra Hospital;
- (b) As at 1 July, how many of these positions are vacant;
- (c) Is there currently a full-time staff member at the Hospital responsible for maintenance;
- (d) If not, who provides this service and on what basis; and
- (e) What is the 2023–24 budget allocation by WA Country Health Service (WACHS) for maintenance at Meekatharra Hospital?

Ms A. Sanderson replied:

- (a) As of 8 August 2023, 8.8 FTE.
- (b) 18.8 FTE.
- (c) No. Recruitment for this role remains ongoing.
- (d) The Murchison area is currently serviced by multiple maintenance staff from Geraldton with regular travel to the site. Coverage includes maintenance officers and local contractors as required.
- (e) The 2023–24 budget is yet to be finalised. The indicative maintenance budget for 2023–24 for Meekatharra Hospital is approximately \$160,000, excluding staff accommodation maintenance and repairs.