

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES — CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

1114. Hon JOCK FERGUSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to yesterday's confirmation that the Horizons Mental Health Rehabilitation Service will be closed for one month, and a cut in staffing will occur at the Mead Centre for the same period.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the Karri Ward at the Armadale Health Service will also close for one month over Christmas?
- (2) Can the minister advise what will be the cuts to the services at the Eudoria Street Centre over that period and what will be the total full-time equivalent reduction?
- (3) What is the regular staffing FTE profile of the Mead Centre and Eudoria Street combined, and what will be the combined staffing profile over the period 14 December 2009 to 10 January 2010?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for the question.

- (1) Karri is an eight-bed mental health rehabilitation inpatient unit that historically has very low occupancy over the Christmas period. It will be closed over the Christmas period this year, and alternative outpatient support services will be provided at the Armadale campus. The exact dates of this closure have not been decided.
- (2) The clozapine clinic and the depot clinic will continue to run weekly on a Wednesday from the Eudoria Street clinic. The remainder of services will be provided for adult community mental health services clients within the catchment area of the mental health service, Armadale Health Service, from the Mead Centre. Eudoria Street clinicians will be working at the Mead Centre to provide access to a comprehensive multidisciplinary team. Approximately five FTEs from Eudoria Street will be taking leave during this time. There will be a maximum reduction at any one time of 9.1 FTEs combined between the Mead Centre and Eudoria Street.
- (3) The profile provided in parliamentary question without notice 1091 of Wednesday, 11 November 2009, was for adult community mental health, which comprises both the Mead Centre and Eudoria Street. Thus, the figures showing that the regular staffing profile is 39.9 FTEs and that that will be reduced to 30.8 FTEs between 14 December 2009 and 10 January 2010 are current for both sites combined.