

HOSPITALS — METROPOLITAN — CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SHUTDOWN

1369. Hon SAMANTHA ROWE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to this year's Christmas and New Year shutdown arrangements for metropolitan public hospital clinical services and elective surgery theatres.

- (1) What will be the average shutdown and restricted services period for metropolitan hospitals during this period?
- (2) For each metropolitan hospital, what are the proposed dates of the upcoming shutdown period and restriction on services?
- (3) If the shutdown is for longer than two weeks at any metropolitan hospital, what are the reasons for the extended closure?
- (4) Will any non-metropolitan hospitals shut down or have restricted services for longer than two weeks; and, if so, which hospital or hospitals, and how long will this apply for each hospital?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

- (1)–(4) On behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I table the answer provided by the Minister for Health as it is quite lengthy.

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