

PEEL HEALTH CAMPUS

Statement by Minister for Health

MS A. SANDERSON (Morley — Minister for Health) [1.08 pm]: I rise to update the house on the transition of health services at Peel Health Campus from Ramsay Health Care into public hands with the South Metropolitan Health Service. The McGowan government announced the end of the privatisation of health services at Peel Health Campus in November 2020, with services expected to commence in the public sector from August 2023.

I would like to announce today a revised date for the transition of services, from August 2023 to August 2024. The additional 12 months will give us time to address ICT infrastructure challenges that have been identified at Peel Health Campus. We need to ensure that the Peel Health Campus ICT systems are compatible with the advanced systems used by WA Health.

The transition project is complex, and the government is committed to ensuring that it goes smoothly for patients and staff. Peel Health Campus will continue to be supported during this period of substantial change.

As I mentioned earlier this year, bringing health services back in-house to be delivered by the public health system will honour the government's commitment to return privatised services into public hands. In turn, this commitment will deliver favourable circumstances for the community and health workforce alike. In September 2022, the McGowan government announced that Ramsay Health Care staff will have the opportunity to transition to the public sector and be employed by the South Metropolitan Health Service, and will retain their prior service, long service and paid parental leave entitlements. Further to this, the government also made the decision that in the case of this transfer, recognition of previously accrued personal leave has been approved for employees who transition from Ramsay Health Care to the South Metropolitan Health Service. This significant decision will provide staff previously employed by Ramsay with the comfort and assurance that they raised as an important factor in making the decision to transition to the public sector.

I note that critical enabling works at the site remain a priority for any redevelopment and transition. I want to thank the Department of Health for its continued efforts in working closely with the South Metropolitan Health Service and Health Support Services, as well as Ramsay Health Care.

In my capacity as Minister for Health, I will continue to champion and implement good governance practices across the Western Australian health system, and I am proud of what we have achieved in this space thus far.