

PERTH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL — WATER SYSTEM — ORTHOPHOSPHATE TREATMENTS

755. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:

I refer to orthophosphate treatments carried out on the Perth Children's Hospital's potable water system prior to the opening of the hospital and I ask:

- (a) Have any orthophosphate treatments been carried out on any part of the hospital's water system since the opening of the hospital; and
- (b) Have any orthophosphate treatments been carried out on the water supply at any other public health facility in the past five years?

Ms A. Sanderson replied:

- (a) Yes. Perth Children's Hospital utilises an automatic phosphate dosing system that was installed before the opening of the hospital and uses a potable approved liquid polyphosphate.
- (b) No. This is mainly due to there being no lead pipes on other public health facilities, and as such there is no requirement for any inhibitors.