

HEALTH — KUNUNURRA HOSPITAL

693. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the Western Australia Police Force decision to enforce section 114 of the *Liquor Control Act 1988* in Kununurra on 26 March 2022 due to requests from the WA Country Health Service (WACHS), and I ask:

- (a) was the Minister made aware that the WACHS staff has requested the Western Australia Police Force to enforce section 114:
  - (i) if yes to (a), on what date;
- (b) was the Minister notified that staff were concerned about their ability to handle a COVID-19 outbreak:
  - (i) if yes to (b), on what date;
- (c) how many COVID-19 patients have been admitted to Kununurra Hospital since 28 March 2022;
- (d) at any time in the last four weeks, has Kununurra Hospital Emergency Department reached capacity;
- (e) if yes to (d), on what dates and for how long; and
- (f) to the Minister's knowledge, was invoking section 114 considered earlier than 25 March 2022:
  - (i) if yes to (f), when?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (a)–(b) The Minister was informed on 28 March 2022 that WACHS had liaised with the Western Australian Police Force regarding section 114 of the *Liquor Control Act 1988* due to COVID-19 outbreak concerns.
- (c) Less than ten patients with COVID-19 have been admitted to Kununurra Hospital for treatment of COVID-19 since 28 March 2022
- (d) No.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) (i) Redirect to Minister for Police.