

COLLIE HOSPITAL — VACANT AREA USE

1866. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Health

The closure of the Collie Hospital's Aged Care facility, Hillview, and the transfer of those patients to the new federally funded ValleyView complex have left a large area of Collie Hospital vacant. I ask the Minister:

- (a) are there discussions occurring to utilise this empty facility; and
 - (i) if yes, what groups is the Minister in discussion with regarding this facility;
- (b) is the Minister undertaking discussions with Collie community members on the future usage of the site;
- (c) is the Department of Health in discussions to lease or sell the site;
- (d) if yes to either (b) or (c), what groups or organisations have indicated an interest in acquiring this facility; and
- (e) when will the Department of Health decide on the future of the Hillview site?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

- (a) Yes.
 - (i) The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) — South West has been contacted by members of the Wellington District Advisory Committee and interested community members who requested a meeting with WACHS-South West.
- (b) The WACHS-South West is liaising with interested parties on behalf of the Minister for Health.
- (c) WACHS will invite expressions of interest (EOI) from community organisations interested in leasing accommodation at the site for a health related purpose.
- (d) A number of agencies/groups have informally expressed an interest and are awaiting the EOI process, to lodge a formal interest.
- (e) A decision will be made early 2010.