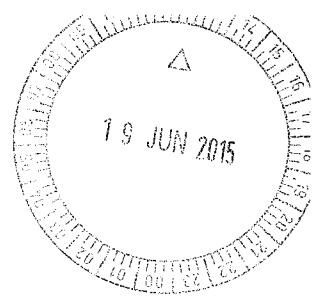


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Department of Health

Question No. 12: Hon N Goiran asked –

I refer to the intended reforms to the Human Reproductive Technology Act 1991 which would seek to facilitate posthumous collection of gametes under certain circumstances, and I ask:

What provision has been allocated in the 2015/16 Budget to further those reforms?

Answer: The development of draft policy and preliminary work is on-going and will be undertaken by existing resources from within the current budget.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 15: Hon N Goiran asked –

I refer to the intended reforms to the Human Reproductive Technology Act 1991 which would seek to facilitate posthumous collection of gametes under certain circumstances, and I ask:

In which parliamentary session of the current term of government does the Minister intend to introduce a Bill seeking to give effect to the intended reforms?

Answer: Development of the policy is ongoing.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 16: Hon N Goiran asked –

I refer to the Department's procurement of services by Marie Stopes International as a result of the pending closure of Swan District Hospital, and I ask:

What is the detailed breakdown of all costs paid to-date to Marie Stopes International?

Answer:

Laparoscopic sterilisation equipment:	\$190,000
Construction and project management:	\$130,000
Services contract:	\$463,000

Note: 'Laparoscopic sterilisation equipment' and 'Construction and project management' costs relate to the forward payments to Marie Stopes International (MSI) for the required upgrades of the MSI clinic at Midland to enable the provision of laparoscopic sterilisation services not currently available at the clinic.

Terminations of pregnancy were referred to MSI by King Edward Memorial Hospital in 2014/15 under a contract unrelated to Swan District Hospital.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 17: Hon N Goiran asked –

I refer to the Department's procurement of services by Marie Stopes International as a result of the pending closure of Swan District Hospital, and I ask:

What is the detailed breakdown of all costs budgeted to be paid to Marie Stopes International for 2015/16?

Answer:

Laparoscopic sterilisation equipment:	\$300,000
Construction and project management:	\$750,000
Services contract:	\$1,000,000

Note: the 2015/16 costs include the final payments for the required equipment and facility upgrade for the provision of laparoscopic sterilisations at the Marie Stopes International (MSI) Midland Clinic.

The Estimated Fee for Service is based on projected activity profile. This includes terminations of pregnancy, sterilisation and contraception procedures for the Midland catchment area from November 2015. The services contracts fee also includes full-year of referrals from King Edward Memorial Hospital for terminations of pregnancy at activity levels similar to those undertaken by MSI under its contract with King Edward Memorial Hospital in 2014/15.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 24: Hon N Goiran asked –

I refer to the report on the statutory review of the Surrogacy Act 2008 (“the Review”), and I ask:

Further to Question 23, will you give consideration to seeking an amendment to this effect?

Answer: It is anticipated that work on a nationally consistent approach to surrogacy will consider this issue.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 31: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: New Works – Strengthening Regional Cancer Centres

I refer to the dot points relating to new works – strengthening regional cancer centres and ask:

Why was no money spent on both the Northam Cancer Centre and the Geraldton Cancer Centre in the current financial year, despite being allocated in the 14/15 budget?

Answer: The Health and Hospital Fund (HHF) National Partnership Agreement was scheduled to commence 1 July 2014 however was not signed until 8 January 2015 which delayed the program by seven months. The Agreement performance milestones specify that the Northam cancer centre is due for completion in mid-2018. The first Commonwealth milestone financial contribution will be released in the 2015/16 financial year when Geraldton Cancer Centre construction commences.

The Geraldton cancer centre project has been delayed as its location on the Geraldton Health Campus site had to be incorporated into the Geraldton Hospital Master Plan as part of exploring future hospital expansion opportunities. The Master Plan was not completed until early 2015.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 32: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: New Works – Strengthening Regional Cancer Centres

I refer to the dot points relating to new works – strengthening regional cancer centres and ask:

Why is the completion of both of these projects now delayed from the 15/16 financial year to the 16/17 year?

Answer: For Northam and Geraldton please refer to the response provided for question 31.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 33: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: New Works – Strengthening Regional Cancer Centres

I refer to the dot points relating to new works – strengthening regional cancer centres and ask:

When will each of these cancer centres be open, respectively?

Answer: The Narrogin cancer centre is scheduled for practical completion in mid-2018. The Northam cancer centre is scheduled for practical completion in mid-2018 in line with Northam Redevelopment project timelines, and the Geraldton cancer centre scheduled for practical completion in mid-2016. The centres are expected to open within two months of the practical completion.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 34: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: New Works – Strengthening Regional Cancer Centres

I refer to the dot points relating to new works – strengthening regional cancer centres and ask:

How many cancer patients in the Midwest had to travel to Perth for treatment during 2014?

Answer: Patients being referred for cancer assessment and care in Perth are usually referred by their general practitioner to either private or public medical practitioners and diagnostic services and WA Country Health Service is unable to access this data.

During 2014, the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme supported 844 patients travelling from the Midwest region to Perth for cancer treatments.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 35: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: New Works – Strengthening Regional Cancer Centres

I refer to the dot points relating to new works – strengthening regional cancer centres and ask:

How many cancer patients residing in the Wheatbelt had to travel to Perth for treatment during 2014?

Answer: Patients being referred for cancer assessment and care in Perth are usually referred by their general practitioner to either private or public medical practitioners and diagnostic services and WA Country Health Service is unable to access this data.

During 2014, the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme supported 800 patients travelling from the Wheatbelt region to Perth for cancer treatments.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 36: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: New Works – Strengthening Regional Cancer Centres

I refer to the dot points relating to new works – strengthening regional cancer centres and ask:

What cancer services will be provided at each of these centres (eg. Will it only be chemotherapy, or will radiotherapy also be available there?)

Answer: The Geraldton cancer centre and the Narrogin cancer centre will both provide chemotherapy.

The planned redevelopment of Northam Health Services will include the establishment of a chemotherapy unit increasing the number of clients that can be treated in Northam.

Radiotherapy is only available at metropolitan hospitals and there are no plans to provide this service in the Midwest or the Wheatbelt.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 37: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: New Works – Strengthening Regional Cancer Centres

I refer to the dot points relating to new works – strengthening regional cancer centres and ask:

Bunbury is currently the only regional centre in the State which has access to a linear accelerator, has the Department undertaken feasibility studies for linear accelerators in any other locations in regional Western Australia, if so where?

Answer: WA Country Health Service has not undertaken any feasibility studies for linear accelerators, nor have there been any requests for consideration of a linear accelerator in a regional centre.

Bunbury's linear accelerator is run by a private provider and it is not within the Department of Health's Clinical Services Framework to introduce this technology into a regional centre.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 38: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: New Works – Strengthening Regional Cancer Centres

I refer to the dot points relating to new works – strengthening regional cancer centres and ask:

Does the Department have plans to install any new linear accelerators in regional Western Australia?

Answer: No.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 39: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Total Appropriations

I refer to the total appropriations for the Health Budget and ask:

What is the total amount which will be spent on medical research (inclusive of FutureHealth) in the 15/16 financial year?

Answer: The total 2015-16 projected budget for medical research is \$28.5 million.

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Department of Health

Question No. 40: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Total Appropriations

I refer to the total appropriations for the Health Budget and ask:

Can you provide a breakdown of this funding eg. How much for capital, programs/projects, research institutes?

Answer: Below is a breakdown of the medical and health research funding:

- Capital \$5.4 million;
- Programs/Projects/People support: \$6.4 million;
- Research institute and research infrastructure support: \$8.7 million; and
- FutureHealthWA: \$8.0 million.

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Department of Health

Question No. 41: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Total Appropriations

I refer to the total appropriations for the Health Budget and ask:

What is the total amount allocated to medical research (inclusive of FutureHealth) for each year in the forward estimates period eg. 16/17, 17/18 and 18/19?

Answer: The estimated allocations are:

- 2016-17: \$23.1 million;
- 2017-18: \$14.5 million; and
- 2018-19: \$14.5 million.

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Department of Health

Question No. 42: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Total Appropriations

I refer to the total appropriations for the Health Budget and ask:

How much of this medical research money in 2015-16 is part of FutureHealth commitments, and how much is other medical research commitments?

Answer: \$8.0 million has been allocated for FutureHealth WA. \$20.5 million has been allocated for other medical research commitments.

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Department of Health

Question No. 43: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Total Appropriations

I refer to the total appropriations for the Health Budget and ask:

How much money has been actually spent to date on FutureHealth since it was first announced in 2013?

Answer: In 2013-14, \$5.2 million. In 2014-15, \$3.9 million (an additional \$3.5 million is allocated for specific expenditure, which will carry-over to out-years, and includes staged payments).

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Department of Health

Question No. 44: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Total Appropriations

I refer to the total appropriations for the Health Budget and ask:

How much is allocated in forward estimates for future health in 2016/17, and each of the forward estimates period?

Answer: For the forward estimates in 2016-17, \$8.0 million has been allocated for FutureHealth (does not include carry-over from previous years and staged payments).

There is no further funding in the forward estimates for FutureHealth as it was a 2013 election commitment and funding was for the four years from 2013-14 to 2016-17.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 45: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Sustainable delivery of public hospital services

I refer to the sustainable delivery of public hospital services and ask:

How many Code Black incidents were there in total in the current financial year to date (eg.14/15) in all public hospitals across the State (including those operated by private providers but include public patients such as Fiona Stanley and Joondalup), broken down by hospital?

Answer: Refer to the table below.

Site	Number of Code Black incidents 2014/15
Royal Perth Group	2,787
Fremantle Hospital and Health Service	2,377
Armadale Health Service	983
Rockingham General Hospital	455
Peel Health Campus	210
Fiona Stanley Hospital	1,595
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	2,317
Graylands	1,119
Osborne Park Hospital	16
Swan Kalamunda Health Service	830
Princess Margaret Hospital	987
King Edward Memorial Hospital	71
Broome	0
Derby	0
Fitzroy Crossing	0
Halls Creek	0
Kununurra	0
Wyndham	0
Hedland Health Campus	Unknown*
Nickol Bay	Unknown*
Roebourne	Unknown*
Onslow	Unknown*
Newman	Unknown*
Geraldton	7
Carnarvon	1
Meekatharra	0

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Site	Number of Code Black incidents 2014/15
Mullewa	0
Morawa	0
Dongara	1
Kalgoorlie	71
Esperance	1
Narembeen	0
Narrogin	0
Bruce Rock	0
Northam	0
Kondinin	0
Merredin	0
Kununoppin	0
Wyalkatchem	0
York	0
Dalwallinu	0
Kellerberrin	1
Corrigin	1
Moora	1
Albany	21
Plantagenet	0
Denmark	0
Busselton	12
Pemberton	0
Augusta	0
Bunbury	185**
Donnybrook	0
Harvey	6
Bridgetown	1
Nannup	3
Warren	2
Collie	2
Margaret River	0
Total	14,063

Note: where hospitals have recorded no Code Blacks and assaults over the 2013/14 or 2014/15 years they have not been listed.

*WACHS Pilbara do not currently record data on the number of Code Blacks called throughout the region. Each year there is approximately 30 Code Blacks called throughout the region.

**The significant difference between reported code blacks for Bunbury Hospital 2013/14 and year-to-date 2014/15 is due to a change in processes for recording code blacks as well as a significant increase in patients with challenging/changed behaviour with an extended length of stay.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 46: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Sustainable delivery of public hospital services

I refer to the sustainable delivery of public hospital services and ask:

How many Code Black incidents were there in total in the previous financial year eg. 13/14 in all public hospitals across the State, broken down by hospital?

Answer: Refer to the table below.

Site	Number of Code Black incidents 2013/14
Royal Perth Group	2,357
Fremantle Hospital and Health Service	2,167
Armadale Health Service	743
Rockingham General Hospital	588
Peel Health Campus	62
Fiona Stanley Hospital	Not applicable
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	2,397
Graylands	866
Osborne Park Hospital	26
Swan Kalamunda Health Service	778
Princess Margaret Hospital	1,222
King Edward Memorial Hospital	52
Broome	0
Derby	0
Fitzroy Crossing	0
Halls Creek	0
Kununurra	0
Wyndham	0
Hedland Health Campus	Unknown*
Nickol Bay	Unknown*
Roebourne	Unknown*
Onslow	Unknown*
Newman	Unknown*
Geraldton	2
Carnarvon	0
Meekatharra	2
Mullewa	1
Morawa	1

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Site	Number of Code Black incidents 2013/14
Dongara	1
Kalgoorlie	64
Esperance	1
Narembeen	0
Narrogin	0
Bruce Rock	0
Northam	0
Kondinin	0
Merredin	0
Kununoppin	0
Wyalkatchem	0
York	0
Dalwallinu	0
Kellerberrin	0
Corrigin	0
Moora	0
Albany	32
Plantagenet	0
Denmark	0
Busselton	12
Pemberton	1
Augusta	0
Bunbury	16
Donnybrook	0
Harvey	3
Bridgetown	3
Nannup	1
Warren	5
Collie	3
Margaret River	2
Total	11,408

Note: where hospitals have recorded no Code Blacks and assaults over the 2013/14 or 2014/15 years they have not been listed.

*WACHS Pilbara do not currently record data on the number of Code Blacks called throughout the region. Each year there is approximately 30 Code Blacks called throughout the region.

**The significant difference between reported code blacks for Bunbury Hospital 2013/14 and year-to-date 2014/15 is due to a change in processes for recording code blacks as well as a significant increase in patients with challenging/changed behaviour with an extended length of stay.

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Department of Health

Question No. 51: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Sustainable delivery of public hospital services

I refer to the sustainable delivery of public hospital services and ask:

Has the Department done any economic modelling on the average cost per Code Black incident, if so, what is this cost?

Answer: The Department of Health has not done any economic modelling on the average cost per Code Black incident.

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Department of Health

Question No. 52: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Sustainable delivery of public hospital services

I refer to the sustainable delivery of public hospital services and ask:

How many FTE security guards employed at each public hospital, broken down by hospital were employed in the 13/14 financial year?

Answer:

Site	2013/14 FTE
Royal Perth Hospital	23.45*
Fremantle Hospital and Health Service	16.51*
Armadale Health Service	11.15*
Rockingham General Hospital	11.18*
Bentley Health Service	0.04**
Peel Health Campus	5.4
Fiona Stanley Hospital	Not applicable
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	22
Graylands	15
Osborne Park Hospital	1.8
Swan Kalamunda Health Service	9
Princess Margaret Hospital	9
King Edward Memorial Hospital	9
Bunbury Hospital	12.5***
Albany Health Campus	4.7***
Geraldton Health Campus	1.75***
Total	152.48

* Average FTE.

** Bentley Health Service outsourced security guards in 2013/14.

*** Where security guards are not directly employed by WA Country Health Service, security services are contracted or guards are called in as required.

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Department of Health

Question No. 53: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Sustainable delivery of public hospital services

I refer to the sustainable delivery of public hospital services and ask:

How many FTE security guards are currently employed at each public hospital broken down by hospital?

Answer:

Site	2014/15 FTE
Royal Perth Hospital	25.67
Fremantle Hospital and Health Service	16.16
Armadale Health Service	11.13
Rockingham General Hospital	12.75
Bentley Health Service	6.06
Peel Health Campus	5.4
Fiona Stanley Hospital	25*
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	22
Graylands	15
Osborne Park Hospital	1.80
Swan Kalamunda Health Service	9
Princess Margaret Hospital	9
King Edward Memorial Hospital	9
Bunbury Hospital	12.5**
Albany Health Campus	3.5**
Geraldton Health Campus	1.84**
Total	185.81

* Private contract (SERCO)

** Where security guards are not directly employed by WA Country Health Service, security services are contracted or guards are called in as required.

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Department of Health

Question No. 54: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Sustainable delivery of public hospital services

I refer to the sustainable delivery of public hospital services and ask:

What is the FTE allocation for security guards at each public hospital for the 15/16 year?

Answer:

Site	2015/16 FTE Projection
Royal Perth Hospital	25.63
Fremantle Hospital and Health Service	11.25
Armadale Health Service	11.25
Rockingham General Hospital	11.25
Bentley Health Service	11.25
Peel Health Campus	5.4
Fiona Stanley Hospital	29.42*
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	22
Graylands	15
Osborne Park Hospital	1.80
Swan Kalamunda Health Service	9
Princess Margaret Hospital	9
King Edward Memorial Hospital	9
Bunbury Hospital	12.5**
Albany Health Campus	4.7**
Geraldton Health Campus	1.84**
Total	190.29

* Private contract (SERCO)

** Where security guards are not directly employed by WA Country Health Service, security services are contracted or guards are called in as required.

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Department of Health

Question No. 55: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Works in Progress, Wheatbelt Renal Dialysis

I refer to the establishment of a Wheatbelt Renal Dialysis service in Northam, which was already delayed in last years budget, pushing completion out to late 2017, which in the current budget shows that money to complete this project is now pushed out to the 18/19 year and ask:

How many patients in the wheatbelt currently have to travel to Perth to receive renal dialysis services?

Answer: Patients being referred for renal dialysis services in Perth are usually referred by their general practitioner to either private or public renal service providers and WA Country Health Service is unable to access this data.

During 2014, the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme supported 27 patients travelling from the Wheatbelt region to Perth for renal dialysis.

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Department of Health

Question No. 56: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Works in Progress, Wheatbelt Renal Dialysis

I refer to the establishment of a Wheatbelt Renal Dialysis service in Northam, which was already delayed in last years budget, pushing completion out to late 2017, which in the current budget shows that money to complete this project is now pushed out to the 18/19 year and ask:

When is this service now expected to be up and running?

Answer: The Wheatbelt renal dialysis service to be based in Northam will be completed in conjunction with the planned redevelopment of Northam Hospital. The projected completion date is mid-2018.

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Department of Health

Question No. 57: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Under Works in Progress Southern Inland Health Initiative Telehealth

I refer to the \$5.55m in total allocation for telehealth facilities in the Southern Inland Health region as part of development of a \$36.5m Statewide telehealth service announced in 2011 over four years and ask:

Why was only \$400k spent in 2014/15 on telehealth in the Southern Inland Health region, when it had an allocation of \$1.3m, what was the reason for the delay?

Answer: The \$1.3 million allocation refers to capital expenditure. The Telehealth project, as part of the Southern Inland Health Initiative (SIHI), is being implemented in a number of phases to build systems that will enhance clinical service delivery for SIHI communities.

Investment is occurring in infrastructure, applications and service development and these must be systematically coordinated to ensure best value. Investment to date has provided Telehealth infrastructure in all SIHI sites to support emergency and general outpatient Telehealth services.

Investment in the next phase has been delayed to align with finalisation of clinical service models for specialised clinical services that will be supported by Telehealth (e.g. telemental health, telestroke), finalisation of the technology refresh program and construction of new facilities in the metropolitan and SIHI areas.

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Department of Health

Question No. 58: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Under Works in Progress Southern Inland Health Initiative Telehealth

I refer to the \$5.55m in total allocation for telehealth facilities in the Southern Inland Health region as part of development of a \$36.5m Statewide telehealth service announced in 2011 over four years and ask:

Which particular regional and country hospitals in the Southern Inland Health Region are still to have their Telehealth infrastructure in place?

Answer: The Telehealth project is being implemented in a phased approach which requires central and site specific equipment to be installed, as well as supporting systems, processes and governance.

The first stage of the project is the installation of site equipment for emergency and general outpatient Telehealth and as at 18 May 2015, this equipment has been deployed to all identified sites in the Southern Inland Health Region region.

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Department of Health

Question No. 59: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Under Works in Progress Southern Inland Health Initiative Telehealth

I refer to the \$5.55m in total allocation for telehealth facilities in the Southern Inland Health region as part of development of a \$36.5m Statewide telehealth service announced in 2011 over four years and ask:

Why has the \$1.3m been pushed out to 15/16, and \$980k pushed out to 16/17, when the Southern Inland Health Project was meant to be completed in the 14/15 year?

Answer: The Telehealth project, as part of Southern Inland Health Project, is being implemented in a number of phases. In conjunction with the Department of Regional Department, Telehealth funding has been reallocated across two (2) additional financial years with the project end date now being 30 June 2017.

This will optimize the value of the investment in Telehealth by aligning with clinical service reform investment, technology refresh program, capital works both in Southern Inland Health Project region and metropolitan area.

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Department of Health

Question No. 66: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Sustainable Delivery of Public Hospital Services

I refer to the weighted activity unit cost (WAU) and the aim of a State Price that converges to the national cost over a defined period of time.

I note WA Health predicted a 2.8% increase in overall activity in 2014/15 (Eg. Total number of WAUs purchased) what was the actual number of WAUs purchased in 2014/15?

Answer: The actual health activity levels delivered in 2014-15 will not be available until after the financial year has ended, i.e. after 30 June 2015.

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Department of Health

Question No. 69: Hon S Ellery asked –

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Line Item: Sustainable Delivery of Public Hospital Services

I refer to the weighted activity unit cost (WAU) and the aim of a State Price that converges to the national cost over a defined period of time.

In 2015/16 WA Health is predicting only a 2.6% increase in WAUs purchased, with a projected WAU of \$5587, what is the projected average cost, or nationally efficient price for 2015/16?

Answer: The National Efficient Price (NEP) for 2015-16 as per the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority's (IHPA) price determination is \$4,971 per weighted activity unit (WAU).

This information can be sourced from the IHPA website¹.

Based on the 2015-16 NEP, the corresponding 2015-16 PAC is estimated at \$5,122 per WAU by WA Health based on advice provided by IHPA.

The increase of 2.6% in health activity (WAUs) is based on estimates of the age weighted population growth rate and data utilisation of hospital services by separate age cohorts.

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¹ The National Efficient Price Determination 2015-16 is available online: <http://www.ihpa.gov.au/internet/ihpa/publishing.nsf/Content/nep-determination-2015-16-html>.

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What is the community service subsidy component (eg. The difference between the cost of providing the hospital service in WA and the national cost) for each of the following financial years: 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16?

Answer: The Community Service Subsidy provided by Government in the 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 Budgets for the respective financial years is as per the table below.

The following was calculated using the IHPA Pricing Framework¹ for each respective financial year. The annual updates by IHPA based on latest actuals information have seen a significant reduction in the national (average) cost and a subsequent increase in the community service subsidy.

	2013-14 Budget (\$000)	2014-15 Budget (\$000)	2015-16 Budget (\$000)
WA Health	156,507	300,747	383,496

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¹ The annual Pricing Framework is available online: <http://www.iHPA.gov.au/internet/iHPA/publishing.nsf/Content/pricing-lp>.