

GRAYLANDS HOSPITAL — PSYCHIATRIC PRACTICE

1. 233. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Mental Health:

- (1) Does the minister concede that she advised the house in her statement this afternoon —
- The Department of Health will attempt to advise all patients in question of the SAT determination and of their rights to obtain legal advice. It is anticipated that this may involve 214 people. However, the Department of Health is currently undertaking a full review of patient files for the period in question.
- (2) Does the minister accept that her refusal to name the doctor makes it much harder for these patients to obtain their legal advice?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1)–(2) Absolutely not. What is taking place at the moment is that the staff at Graylands Hospital are going through every single piece of documentation, whether it is a second opinion, a prescription for medication or an authorisation for any form of treatment whatsoever; every single piece of documentation is being gone through at the moment, to identify whether that doctor has been involved in authorising any of those treatments or services. Those patients will be contacted by the Department of Health.