

TRISTAN DIMER — GRAYLANDS HOSPITAL

**202. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I refer to media reports about the unbelievable case of mistaken identity in which Tristan Dimer was detained in Graylands Hospital in the belief that he was someone else.

- (1) How many times was Mr Dimer detained at Graylands Hospital between 1 December 2012 and 31 January 2013?
- (2) What were the circumstances of each detention?
- (3) Was Mr Dimer detained at any time during this period when the detention was not at the direction of the court; and, if so, on what basis was Mr Dimer detained?
- (4) What assistance was provided to Mr Dimer at the time of his discharge or discharges from Graylands?
- (5) Is the minister aware of her spokeswoman's advice that Mr Dimer is continuing to receive care and assistance; and, if so, what care and assistance is Mr Dimer receiving?
- (6) Has Mr Dimer received compensation for his ordeal; and, if not, why not?
- (7) When does the minister expect a decision on compensation to be made?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

I understand the member's interest in this matter and note that there also has been media and a public interest to clarify the member's concerns. Although I am prepared to provide answers to these questions, I wish to preface my answer by stating that the member has sought specific information relating to Mr Dimer's personal medical record. Any decision to provide information relating to an individual's private details is done so after very careful consideration.

- (1) Three times.
- (2) The first related to the occasion of his misidentification. On the second occasion, he was detained under hospital orders from the Midland Magistrates Court, and on the third occasion, he was detained on a form 6 "Involuntary Treatment in Approved Hospital" order under the Mental Health Act 1996.
- (3) Please refer to (2).
- (4) Mr Dimer was assisted to locate accommodation and provided with a flight to Kalgoorlie. He was accompanied by a mental health clinician on this flight, a common occurrence for mental health patients unfamiliar with air travel. At the time of his relocation to Kalgoorlie, Mr Dimer was keen to move to Kalgoorlie as he has family members who live in Kalgoorlie and travel between Kalgoorlie and the Perth metropolitan area.
- (5) This answer is in response to whether I am aware of the spokesperson's advice. Yes, and Mr Dimer continues to be offered psychiatric and case management support from the Specialist Aboriginal Mental Health Service—SAMHS. In addition, he has been offered legal advice about compensation.
- (6) The North Metropolitan Health Service has sought advice from the State Solicitor's Office regarding the matter of compensation for Mr Dimer. An application for an administration or guardianship order is to be heard by the State Administrative Tribunal on 24 June 2013. The State Solicitor's Office will provide advice following the SAT hearing.
- (7) The decision regarding compensation will be made by me once I have had an opportunity to review the SSO advice, and only after the outcome of the SAT hearing on 24 June 2013.