

CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION — NORTH METROPOLITAN HEALTH SERVICE —
MISCONDUCT — RESEARCH FUNDS AUDIT

736. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the Corruption and Crime Commission report into corruption at the North Metropolitan Health Service.

- (1) Can the Minister for Health confirm that the following research funding sources at the NMHS are regularly audited —
 - (a) Charlies Foundation for Research;
 - (b) the clinical staff education fund;
 - (c) the Ray Florence Shaw trust; and
 - (d) the Edith Marston bequest?
- (2) If yes to (1), who are the funds audited by and how regularly?
- (3) Can the minister confirm whether a central system for recording gifts and hospitality exists across health services?
- (4) If no to (3), are there any plans to establish a central database for gifts and hospitality to ensure a coordinated approach, increased transparency and better monitoring?

Hon ALANNA CLOHESY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I am advised of the following.

- (1)
 - (a) Charlies Foundation for Research is a separate entity and is not within the jurisdiction of the North Metropolitan Health Service.
 - (b)–(c) The clinical staff education fund and Ray Florence Shaw trust are audited as part of the North Metropolitan Health Service financial audit.
 - (d) Further inquiries will be made regarding the Edith Marston bequest and an answer provided to the member as soon as possible.
- (2) In respect of questions (1)(b) and (c), the North Metropolitan Health Service financial audit is undertaken annually by the Office of the Auditor General.
- (3) Gift registers are maintained by each health service provider and the Department of Health.
- (4) Work is already underway to establish a central database.