

STEP-UP, STEP-DOWN MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY — KALGOORLIE

1107. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the new —

The PRESIDENT: Member, is this question being asked on behalf of Hon Robin Scott, who is absent on urgent parliamentary business?

Hon COLIN TINCKNELL: Yes, thank you, Madam President; this is on behalf of Hon Robin Scott.

I refer to the new goldfields step-up, step-down facility based in Kalgoorlie and reports that the contract for operation of the facility has been awarded to a company that has headquarters in Victoria.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the contract for the operation of the facility has been awarded?
- (2) If so, why was the contract awarded to a company that has headquarters in Victoria, as opposed to a local goldfields or Western Australian company?

Hon ALANNA CLOHESY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Mental Health Commission sought a suitably skilled and experienced organisation to operate the service. Neami National was evaluated as the successful respondent to deliver the Kalgoorlie step-up, step-down service. Neami National has successfully operated the 22-bed step-up, step-down service in Joondalup since 2013, as well as the first regional six-bed step-up, step-down service in Albany since 2018.