

MENTAL HEALTH — INPATIENT SECURITY

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

I refer to the minister's advice to the house on 23 May 2013 that all mental health patient units have closed-circuit televisions located in areas that do not breach patient confidentiality and/or privacy.

- (1) Which areas in mental health units satisfy the criteria of not breaching patient confidentiality and/or privacy?
- (2) In which areas is CCTV not installed for reasons of confidentiality and/or privacy?
- (3) In areas where CCTV is installed, are the cameras used to only monitor activity in a location or is the material recorded for later viewing?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) CCTV located in public areas—that is, waiting areas, sitting rooms, recreational areas, courtyards and corridors—would not breach patient confidentiality or privacy. For safety reasons, it is also installed in seclusion rooms.
- (2) CCTV is not installed in bedrooms, toileting and bathroom facilities, and treatment rooms.
- (3) The information requested cannot be provided in the time required. I will endeavour to have the answer for the honourable member by 18 June 2013.