

HEALTH FACILITIES — NEWMAN

15. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer the minister to the various health facilities available in the Pilbara town of Newman.

- (1) Does the government plan to update the child health clinic in Newman?
- (2) Are there plans to take antenatal care out of Newman District Hospital; and, if so, when will this be done?
- (3) How many resident midwives are currently in Newman?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

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

- (1) The child health clinic in Newman is managed in partnership with the Shire of East Pilbara. Any plans to update the Newman child health clinic infrastructure will be in negotiation with the shire council. The WA Country Health Service Pilbara is undertaking a service profile of child health clinics across the region.
- (2) There are no plans to cease this service. Midwifery clinics are provided by the WA Country Health Service Pilbara. The community midwife from Newman provides an antenatal clinic one day a fortnight. Postnatal care remains unchanged, with all referrals to the child health nurse for follow up. Routine antenatal screening is done by the patient's general practitioner. The clinic is run by the WA Country Health Service Pilbara population health unit, which is located on the Newman hospital site.
- (3) There are three registered nurses with midwifery qualifications employed at Newman.