

BUNBURY REGIONAL HOSPITAL — EXTENSION WORKS

362. Hon ADELE FARINA to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the recent announcement of the federal government's funding commitment for the building of the Bunbury Regional Hospital intensive care unit and extension of the emergency department.

- (1) What are the commencement and completion dates for the works?
- (2) How many additional full-time equivalents will the state government allocate to Bunbury Regional Hospital to staff the ICU and the expanded emergency department?
- (3) How many additional doctors, nurses and other support staff will be allocated to run this expanded service?
- (4) How much in additional recurrent funding will be provided to Bunbury Regional Hospital to cover the additional costs of running the ICU and expanded emergency department?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question.

- (1) The capital works project has commenced with the project work group holding its first meeting on 15 April 2010. The planned time lines are that the design phase will continue to occur with the award of tender in July 2011 and construction commencing 1 August 2011. There are three stages to the redevelopment of the emergency department – intensive care unit at Bunbury Regional Hospital. The first stage of the process is to equip four high dependency unit beds to a level 1 ICU by the end of January 2011. The dedicated 10-bed short-stay unit within the emergency department is due for completion by 2013–14. The existing eight-bed HDU will be progressively upgraded to a level 2 ICU service for adult patients by 2014–15.
- (2)–(4) An indicative projected staffing profile has been developed and recurrent costings have been estimated for this. However, this cannot be finalised until the final model of care and patient flows have been determined. It is estimated that this process will be completed within three months. The projected staffing profile for the critical care directorate will be closely aligned to increased patient services.