

NORTHAM REGIONAL HOSPITAL — INQUIRY INTO TREATMENT OF ANDREW ALLAN

804. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the government's announcement of an inquiry into Northam Regional Hospital and the treatment given to Andrew Allan.

- (1) Has the inquiry begun and if yes, when did it begin?
- (2) Who is conducting the inquiry?
- (3) What is the scope of the inquiry?
- (4) When is it expected that the inquiry will be finished?
- (5) Will the results be made public?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes; it began on Monday, 20 September 2010.
- (2) The investigation is being led by the WA Country Health Service clinical safety and quality team.
- (3) The investigation is being carried out as part of the usual process of examining clinical incidents and sentinel events.
- (4) The time line for completion of investigations under the Western Australian Department of Health policy for sentinel events is 45 working days from the event and it is expected that this will be met. All investigations of clinical and sentinel events in WA Health are investigated by the advanced incidents management system.
- (5) The recommendations from this investigation will be provided to the family in the first instance. The recommendations will only be made public after consultation with the family.