

CARNARVON REGIONAL HOSPITAL — STAGE 2 UPGRADES

1232. Hon SUE ELLERY to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Can the minister advise whether plans are underway to reinstate the stage 2 upgrades of the Carnarvon Regional Hospital, which were axed from the 2009-10 budget?
- (2) If yes, what funding has been or will be reinstated, and how much are the upgrades expected to cost?
- (3) What is the state contribution to the upgrades, and how much will come from the following sources —
 - (a) the Department of Health;
 - (b) the royalties for regions program; and
 - (c) other sources?
- (4) What, if any, is the commonwealth contribution?
- (5) If no to (1), why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

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

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Not yet known.
- (4) The commonwealth government has provided a capital grant of \$9.66 million to Southern Cross Care to establish a residential aged-care facility in Carnarvon.
- (5) The Western Australian Country Health Service has been approached by Southern Cross Care about the co-location of an aged-care facility on the hospital site. This is currently at a formative stage of feasibility assessment.