

REGISTERED NURSES — GRADUATES

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

- (1) How many registered nurses are graduating in 2010?
- (2) Can the minister confirm that all graduating nurses have been offered positions within the Department of Health and in Western Australian hospitals?
- (3) Can the minister confirm that WA has provided clinical placements and intern training for commonwealth-funded medical and nursing students consistent with the Australian Health Ministers' Conference communiqué of February 2010?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question, and provide this answer.

- (1) The 2010 graduating number of registered nurses is provided by the university sector and this will not be available until March 2011.
- (2) All suitable and eligible permanent resident graduating registered nurses who have applied to WA Health have been offered a position.
- (3) In Western Australia, internships for 2011 have been offered to all commonwealth-funded medical students graduating from Western Australian medical schools.

The AHMC communiqué includes all health professional groups. The total hours required for clinical placement is managed by the university sector. WA Health has provided clinical placement for nursing students to meet these training requirements.