

CARNARVON AGED CARE FACILITIES

**1076. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Health:**

Noting the imminent closure of the Olive Laird aged care facility, that Carnarvon Regional Hospital provides services for nursing home-type patients, and that the federal government has committed to contributing funding towards a new aged care facility in Carnarvon, will the government provide accommodation in Carnarvon Regional Hospital for those residents from the Olive Laird facility who cannot be placed elsewhere until such time as a permanent aged care facility has been built?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

Past residents of Churches of Christ Homes and Community Services, which operates the Olive Laird Hostel, have been admitted to Carnarvon Regional Hospital's permanent care unit when the level of care that they have needed has exceeded that which Churches of Christ Homes could provide. In line with the responsibilities of the aged care sector, all residents of the Olive Laird Hostel will soon be relocated by Churches of Christ Homes to other aged care providers or back into the community. As such, there is no current need for Carnarvon Regional Hospital to accommodate any of the residents. The WA Country Health Service will seek to work with the commonwealth government to ensure that any subsequent aged care provider creates and maintains a comprehensive aged care service for Carnarvon.