

FIONA STANLEY HOSPITAL — STAFF RECRUITMENT

3004. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the Auditor General's report, regarding the Fiona Stanley Hospital (FSH), and specifically refer to the section regarding staffing for FSH, and ask —

- (1) How will the Government ensure that sufficient staff have been recruited, selected and employed prior to opening FSH?
- (2) How will the Government ensure that staffing the FSH will not adversely impact the staffing of other Western Australian Secondary and Tertiary Hospitals?
- (3) Given the far greater number of new medical staff required than originally anticipated, what strategies has the Government put in place to train and/or recruit these new staff to the Public Health system?
- (4) Which of these strategies will be producing potential staff for the FSH in time for the expected opening in 2014?
- (5) How many staff does the Government expect each strategy to produce by 2014?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) The South Metropolitan Area Health Service (SMAHS), Clinical Services Reconfiguration Plan will identify the appropriate resources and processes for the timely recruitment, selection and employment of all staff required across SMAHS.
- (2) As for (1) above.
- (3) The principal strategy is to increase the number of Australian-trained doctors and the Government is making a substantial investment by committing to the provision of an internship for each domestic Western Australian medical graduate.
- (4) The principal strategy.
- (5) The increase in medical school places has led to concomitant increases in the number of medical students and medical graduates, and also junior doctors. The SMAHS Reconfiguration Plan, due for completion in 2012, will identify the appropriate resources and numbers of staff required for FSH.