

SIR CHARLES GAIRDNER HOSPITAL — CAR PARK

**547. Hon ED DERMER to the minister representing the Minister for Health:**

Some notice has been given of this question. I refer to the government's election commitment for so-called better health services, which, according to my notes, states —

The inadequacy of staff car parking at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital is a major issue affecting staff morale. We believe it is essential to provide adequate secure parking for hospital staff and, immediately on being elected a Liberal Government will initiate the construction of a multi-storey staff car park.

- (1) Given that it is now approaching two years since the election, why has the government not built a single extra new parking bay onsite?
- (2) Will the minister confirm that the government's preferred car park option is to bitumen one quarter of the A-class community sporting reserve of Rosalie Park and to displace Subiaco Lacrosse Club, Subiaco Junior Football Club and Rosalie Primary School?
- (3) Why has the minister not commenced any community consultation?
- (4) Has the minister received any correspondence from either the local state member, Bill Marmion MLA, or the local federal member, Julie Bishop, expressing their concerns about this proposal?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The minister has provided the following response.

- (1) Detailed planning for the multi-deck car park at the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre is reaching finalisation. Expressions of interest for the new car park have been sought, with requests for proposals expected to be called in coming months. Construction of the new car park is expected to commence in early 2011.
- (2) The state government is seeking to establish a temporary car park with approximately 800 bays at Rosalie Park for front-line staff working at the QEIIIMC to enable the construction of the 3 500-bay multi-deck car park and new children's hospital as scheduled. These are both to be built on existing car parking areas. The temporary staff car park would be operational from January 2011 to December 2012 subject to City of Subiaco and Western Australian Planning Commission approval. The preferred site at Rosalie Park is yet to be identified but preliminary work suggests that the proposed temporary car park would cover approximately 20 per cent of Rosalie Park. This is subject to change, given that a potential location for the car park has yet to be identified. Similarly, the potential impact on playing fields and sporting groups would depend on where the car park is located. In return for the use of Rosalie Park, the state government is offering to pay the City of Subiaco \$6 million and fully restore the site after the car park closes. There is no suggestion at this stage that Rosalie Primary School would be displaced.
- (3) The proposed site for the temporary car park has not been finalised and is subject to ongoing discussions with the City of Subiaco and detailed analysis of traffic, parking and the potential impact on the local community. Planning is focused on identifying the location that minimises the impact on the local community. The state government will commence consultation with key stakeholders following further meetings with the council. Preliminary meetings have been held with some local sporting clubs, and consultation with local residents and the wider community is expected to begin later this month.
- (4) Yes.