

JOONDALUP HEALTH CAMPUS — MENTAL HEALTH BEDS

2435. Hon Ken Travers to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the Western Australia Health Clinical Services Framework 2005–2015 and 2010–2020, and ask —

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that the 2015 report proposed that there be 62 mental health beds at Joondalup Health Campus?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the 2020 report proposed that there be 42 mental health beds at Joondalup Health Campus?
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the 2015 report proposed that mental health inpatient services for older persons be delivered at Joondalup Health Campus?
- (4) Can the Minister confirm that the 2020 report does not propose mental health inpatient services for older persons be delivered at Joondalup Health Campus?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) Yes (proposed 62 mental health beds at Joondalup Health Campus by 2015).
- (2) Yes (proposed 42 mental health beds at Joondalup Health Campus by 2015).
- (3) Yes
- (4) Yes

The reason for the reduction in beds is that the remodelling of mental health activity for the current CSF included changes in population, patient flow and demand for inpatient services that resulted in changes to bed numbers for mental health inpatient services at a number of hospital sites including JHC.

In addition, the 62 beds identified in CSF 2005 included 22 intermediate care beds that were going to be co-located on the campus but not part of the main hospital. These beds are not part of the bed numbers for JHC.

At the time of drafting the second WA Health Clinical Services Framework, it was advised by clinicians and planners from the Mental Health Division (now known as the Mental Health Commission) that there were to be no Older Persons Mental Inpatient services at Joondalup.