

KALAMUNDA DISTRICT HOSPITAL, MIDLAND HEALTH CAMPUS AND ROYAL PERTH HOSPITAL

2217. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

- (1) When will maternity services recommence at Kalamunda District Community Hospital?
- (2) Further to the answer given to question No. 2049 on 23 February 2010 in the other place —
  - (a) when is the Midland Health Campus likely to start admitting patients; and
  - (b) what strategies does the Minister have in place to overcome workforce shortages and the commitment to retain Royal Perth Hospital in order to staff Midland Health Campus?
- (3) Given workforce issues, what strategies does the Minister have in place for hospital training of the expected increase in graduating medical students?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) Antenatal midwife clinics recommenced at Kalamunda Hospital in July 2009. The Department of Health is awaiting the Department of Treasury and Finance's confirmation of Business Case approval for the construction of delivery suite facilities; the project cannot commence prior to receipt of this written approval. It is anticipated that the Community Midwifery Program run service will be operational by January 2011.
- (2)
  - (a) It is expected admissions will commence at Midland Health Campus in 2015.
  - (b) Strategies include:
    - Development and delivery of re-entry/refresher programs to encourage staff to return to the health workforce.
    - Targeted interstate and international recruitment.
    - Provision of scholarships and bursaries.
    - Marketing programs aimed at attracting school leavers into health careers.
    - Collaboration with education providers to increase educational/training opportunities.
- (3) The Western Australian Government will fund a 12 month internship for all Western Australian domestic medical graduates, and provide structured supervision to enable continuing on-the-job postgraduate training in Western Australia.