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## **EDUCATION AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE**

12 March 2014

Dr Kim Hames  
Deputy Premier  
Minister for Health;  
Training and Workforce Development  
Dumas House  
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Minister

### **Commissioning of the Fiona Stanley Hospital**

Thank you for your letter dated 24 February 2014, in which you declined the Committee's invitation to attend a public hearing to provide input into the inquiry into the organisational response to the challenges associated with the commissioning of the Fiona Stanley Hospital.

At a recent meeting the Committee noted your offer to provide responses to written questions and, to that end, resolved to seek responses to the following queries:

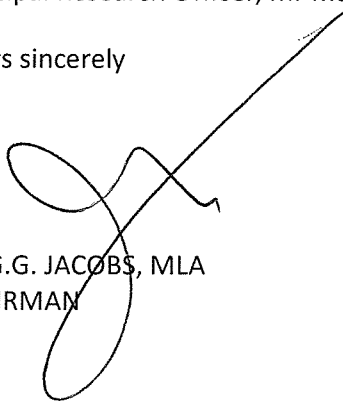
1. Did you provide any instructions to Mr Snowball, written or otherwise, about the extent or nature of information that should be reported to you with respect to the status of the commissioning of FSH?
2. With the benefit of hindsight, are you satisfied with the level of:
  - a. Communications between yourself and Mr Snowball with respect to the status of the commissioning of FSH?
  - b. Disclosure by Mr Snowball to you of the status of the commissioning of FSH?
3. Did you take any further action, or seek additional information, about the content of the briefing note prepared by Mr Brad Sebbes, and dated 5 December 2012 (attached)?
  - a. If so, please provide detail of the nature of this action.
  - b. If not, why not?
4. When were you first advised by the Department of Health that the original "digital vision" for the hospital would not be achieved, and that a substantially "de-scoped" ICT solution had been endorsed?

5. If the answer to question (4) above is a date after the Department had already endorsed the “de-scoping” of the FSH ICT solution, are you of the view that decisions of this nature are more appropriately made at the Ministerial level?
  - a. If so, why?
  - b. If not, why not?

As the Committee’s inquiry is nearing its conclusion, it would be appreciated if a response to these questions could be provided prior to **Friday, 21 March 2014**.

IF you have any questions about this letter, please contact me on 0438 918 885 or the Committee’s Principal Research Officer, Mr Mathew Bates, on 9222 7394.

Yours sincerely



DR G.G. JACOBS, MLA  
CHAIRMAN

Encl.

**BRIEFING NOTE****ISSUE**

Concerns have been raised publicly regarding the timeline for the opening of Fiona Stanley Hospital (FSH). Of particular note is the availability of services in April 2014 and ICT readiness.

**BACKGROUND**

- FSH has previously publicly communicated that it will be operational in April 2014.
- A media query has been submitted through the Minister for Health's media office regarding the possible delay to FSH opening in April 2014.
- A particular reference has been made to the significant ICT readiness issues.

**CURRENT SITUATION****Timeline for opening**

- All planning that is currently underway for Fiona Stanley Hospital is working towards the first phase of clinical services commencing in April 2014.
- A phased opening approach is being developed for the hospital to ensure continuity of service between sites and optimal patient safety and care. This is normal with the commissioning of a hospital of this size and complexity.
- The exact sequencing of service relocation and operational commencement of other services is currently being determined.

**ICT Readiness**

- A review is currently underway to determine the specific status of ICT readiness from a State perspective (Health Information Network (HIN)), as well as from the Facilities Management (Serco) deliverables that interface with the State Health Information Network (HIN) requirements.
- FSH and HIN are undertaking significant work to ensure that core ICT applications are on track for delivery by commencement date of the hospital, noting the hospital cannot be commissioned without these.
- All other ICT applications are being reviewed and assessed to determine which applications will be prioritised for implementation by commencement.
- If the ICT functionality is not comprehensive enough for the opening of the hospital in April 2014, a delay to the opening will need to be considered.

**Overall**

- The newly appointed Chief Executive FSH Commissioning is due to provide a comprehensive briefing to the FSH Commissioning and Major Hospitals Transitioning Taskforce next week – on the key issues around commissioning of FSH – clinical & workforce readiness and commissioning, ICT readiness, facilities management contract status and readiness, and infrastructure progress.

**RECOMMENDATION/ACTION**

That the Minister for Health notes the above.

Prepared by: Brad Sebbes, Executive Director, FSH

Date: 5 December 2012

Approved

Not Approved

Noted

Comments:

Signed   
MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Date 10/12/12