



Mr Mark Warner
Committee Clerk
Select Committee Into Public Obstetric Services
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Warner

Transcript of Evidence: Select Committee into Public Obstetric Services

I have received and read through the copy of the transcript of evidence. Overall, the transcript is a true and accurate reflection of the evidence I provided. I have made some minor corrections as per attached, and wish to include some additional information to clarify meaning, as follows:

Page 4 (place marked with * this paragraph to be included before final sentence of first paragraph): By outcomes not being silver plated, I mean that balanced outcomes should take into account social, environmental and economic considerations. For example, community may focus on social amenity issues without consideration of the economic impact. Government, however, has to ensure that decisions are fair and responsible in all aspects. By focusing the community on responsible triple bottom line decision making, as was done with the design of the Mitchell Freeway extension through Connolly, the community demonstrated responsible decision making by taking economic considerations into account in addition to social and environmental considerations, and this resulted in a better informed, balanced outcome.

Page 5: clarification of edited text which should read: '...when we provided advice to the agency concerned with regard to the establishment of a transitional mental health institution'.

Half way down the page edited text should read: 'It is never the issue per se. We have to look very closely at the why, what and when – ie the context around the issues'.

This concludes my evidence.

I have also included a response to the question on notice as Attachment One.

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Thank you for the opportunity of being of service to the Committee. I would appreciate a copy of the finalised transcript when this is available.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christina Gillgren', with a horizontal line underneath.

Dr Christina Gillgren
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

27 September 2006

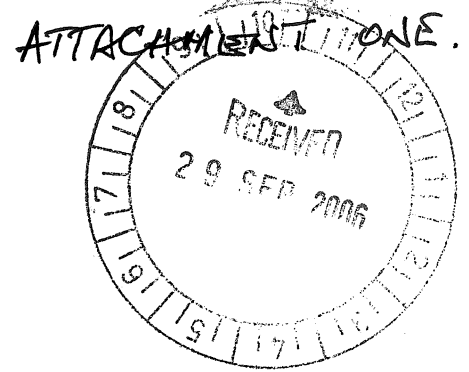
Att: Transcript
Attachment One

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Department of the Premier and Cabinet
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Office of Citizens and Civics



Select Committee into Public Obstetric Services

Response to Question on Notice

Outline the involvement and input provided from the Office of Citizens and Civics into the development of the WA Health's Consumer and Community Engagement Framework and its current status:

The Office of Citizens and Civics was approached in early March 2006 to provide comment on a draft of the WA Health's Consumer and Community Engagement Framework. The document was reviewed and feedback was provided on the 30th March 2006.

The Office of Citizens and Civics has been advised that the compiled draft document is currently (September 2006) waiting sign off from the Director General, Dr Neale Fong before broader consultation on the document continues.

WA Health has advised that in preparation for this, and in partnership with the Health Consumers Council, the Department has now developed a set of questions to accompany the draft as it is distributed for statewide comment. This next process is anticipated to take six weeks (from early October to mid November 2006) and will include a series of workshops in the metropolitan area and regional centres.

On its current timeline the document is expected to be finalised in early 2007



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