



**Deputy Premier of Western Australia
Minister for Health; Training and Workforce Development**

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Hon Simon O'Brien MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Health
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000


Dear Mr O'Brien

Thank you for your letter of 7 May 2014 with further reference to Petition No 23.

I note the Committee's request for further advice regarding how the concerns reflected in Recommendation 5.2 of Professor Bryant Stokes' 2012 review of mental health service are being addressed. Professor Stokes' recommendation that:

5.2 Adolescent beds need to be increased to take into account the increasing population of youths. Beds must also be provided for child forensic and eating disorder patients. These are urgent requirements.

I understand the Office of Mental Health will be providing a comment regarding beds in relation to the increasing population of youths, inclusive of forensic beds.

In relation to eating disorders and as previously advised, the Perth Children's Hospital will have eight beds assigned to eating disorder patients in the adolescent ward. These beds will be primarily, but not exclusively, used by eating disorders patients. At any point in time that additional beds are required, they will be available from the adolescent ward.

Yours sincerely

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**DEPUTY PREMIER
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