

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### Question on notice

Tuesday, 12 April 2011

25 MAY 2011

3829. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Health.

I refer to the Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, and a large number of television sets which have not been functional for quite some time, and I ask -

(1) Within the period of the last two years, can the Minister provide the precise number of television sets on each respective ward which has been non functional and operational at the Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital?

(2) If no to (1), why not?

(3) What is the purpose of having television sets at the Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, which have been non functional for up to two years, and which patients cannot utilise?

(4) With respect to the new parts of the hospital under construction, can the Minister give an assurance that all television sets will be functional for use by patients when it is opened?

(5) If no to (4), why not?

(6) Can the Minister indicate how many checks throughout the year are made of all televisions sets on the wards to see if they are working correctly?

(7) If no to (6), why not?

(8) Will the Minister take action to ensure that all existing television sets are operational and capable of being utilised by patients at the Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital?

(9) If no to (8), why not?

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### Answer

(1) Paediatric Ward – 16 televisions in total, 2 not functional.  
Special Care Unit – 5 televisions in total, all operational.  
Surgical Ward – 12 televisions in total, 5 not functional.  
Medical Ward – 23 televisions in total, 22 not functional.  
Palliative Care – 3 televisions in total, all operational.  
Maternity Ward – 19 televisions in total, 3 not functional.

(2) Not applicable.

(3) Kalgoorlie Hospital recognises the need for repair of the television system. A partial upgrade is considered potentially inefficient given application to the Regional Development Commission for co-funding a comprehensive replacement of the system. The outcome of this application is expected in May 2011.

(4) Yes.

(5) Not applicable.

(6 - 7) Routine checks are no longer being made of television equipment as the Hospital intends to fully replace the system once funding is secured.

(8) If the Regional Development Commission application is not successful then the Hospital will commit to an ongoing partial replacement program.

(9) Not applicable.