



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 2 – HEALTH

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Supplementary questions

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Healthscope

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Questions from Hon Chris Rath MLC (on behalf of opposition)

Healthscope – Northern Beaches Hospital (NBH) Joe Massa

- (2) How many patients were in Short Stay there on the 14th of September 2024?

- (4) How many patients were there in fast track on the 14th of September 2024?

- (8) How long are the Paediatrics Consultant ward rounds meant to take across the 3 zones – fast track, short stay and ED?

- (10) Do Paediatric Consultants start their ward rounds in the same manner every time – e.g. Short Stay, Fast track and ED room last. Is this standard hospital protocol?
 - (a) If not, what is the discretion of the Paediatrics Consultant to make their decision?

(13) How many Paediatrics Consultants were on shift at the Paediatrics ED department between 8am – 10.47am on the 14/9/24?

(16) If there was no NUM during 7am – 10.47am – why not?

(a) Is this normal NSW ED room staffing levels?

(23) Please provide time stamp from CCTV of when father Danny Massa was admitted to the ED back end room to visit joe Massa?

(24) What is the NBH protocol for a paediatric patient sent to resus?

(a) Please provide protocol steps

(27) Who checks on the ability /capabilities of ED Advanced Trainee when working in Paediatrics to ensure the hospital is safe?

(a) Was this followed, if so, how?

- (32) Please share the ED daily intake in terms of numbers across each day from 20th February until Friday 28th Feb 2025?
- (33) Please share the ED daily intake in terms of numbers across each day 6th – 14th February 2025?
- (35) CEO Tino La Spina - As CEO of Healthscope which runs Northern Beaches Hospital, what is their professional experience in the healthcare field?
- (36) How can you guarantee that the health care offered in a PPP structure will always be the equivalent to what a public hospital offers given the catastrophic mistakes made in Joe's case?
- (37) What do you say to the Northern Beaches community who have lost faith in the hospital to provide adequate and critical care?
- (39) In the Critical incident SEAR report it identified safety culture issues. Do you think the nurses are underperforming because there is evidently a bad culture as a result of lower pay rates?
- (40) Where any staff not rostered on, shifts cancelled on the 13th and 14th Sept 2024 that would have caused the Paediatrics ED room and NBH ED room understaffed?
- (41) Was the Paediatrics ED Room correctly staffed as per NSW health standards on the 14th Sept between 7-10.47am.
- (a) List what staff were in Paediatrics ED
- (b) And what the guideline is – across all levels – nursing, registrars and consultants

- (42) How much will it cost to buy out Healthscope for the remainder of its contract - looking at the Emergency Department only and secondly in its entirety?
- (43) How much did Healthscope receive for the one day filming of Russell Crowe's movie earlier this month?
- (44) Since opening in 2018, how many times has Healthscope leased its facilities to a production company for profit and at what cost?
- (45) Please list the IT upgrades in detail you have committed to implementing since Joe's death?
- (46) Hospital staff say that the Telstra Health connection constantly drops out which is very concerning and impacts care delivery – please provide a comprehensive log of internet dropouts throughout 2024.
- (47) How much would it cost to discontinue with Telstra Health and set up Cerner FirstNet?
- (48) Staff have been trained in Cerner FirstNet and many are not familiar with Telstra Health – Adopting a new IT system with Cerner FirstNet will save lives and make the job of healthcare practitioners easier. Would you agree? Will you change to Cerner FirstNet?