



HOSPITALS, PORT LINCOLN
23 February 2004

Mrs Penfold (Flinders): My question is to the Minister for Health. How can the Minister justify the Port Lincoln Hospital having to have an extended closure of operating theatres in April, which will adversely affect surgery for about 118 patients due to the hospital facing a \$360,000 deficit this year?

The Hon L. Stevens (Minister for Health): I thank the member for her question and her interest in health services in her electorate. As I told the house last week, the budgets of all country health regions increased by an average 4.83 per cent last year. There are tensions and pressures across certain areas of the country, one being Port Lincoln. At the moment, my department is undertaking a mid-year budget review where we will be looking at those issues and, where ever possible we will be looking at there being no cutback in services. The issue in relation to Port Lincoln will be the subject of discussions around the mid-year budget review.

(Also see [Liz's media release](#) regarding this issue)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MINISTER FOR HEALTH
PORT LINCOLN HOSPITAL
24 February 2004

The Hon. L. STEVENS (Minister for Health): I seek leave to make a ministerial statement.

Leave granted.

The Hon. L. STEVENS: Yesterday, the member for Flinders asked a question in relation to government services at the Port Lincoln Hospital. The Regional General Manager of the Eyre Regional Health Service has advised that, whilst the hospital is projecting a budget deficit, there are no plans for service reductions at the hospital. I am also advised by my department that discussions have been held regarding the budget and the various options available to manage the situation to the end of the financial year. As I said yesterday, the usual midyear reviews are occurring, so discussions will focus on a range of options that do not include service reductions.

PORT LINCOLN HOSPITAL
8 June 2008

Mrs PENFOLD (Flinders): I support the report of the Public Works Committee on the proposed redevelopment of the Port Lincoln Hospital. Stage 1, which provides new kitchen, laundry and workshop areas, has been in operation now for some months. I was privileged to open this much needed facility. The remaining stages are 2 to 6, with stage 2 being the largest, at an estimated cost of more than \$6 million.

The need for this hospital redevelopment has been obvious for many years, and it became even more urgent with the concern regarding asbestos and the problems associated with it. The Port Lincoln Hospital staff have worked in particularly difficult and inconvenient circumstances owing in no small part to the fact that the original hospital,

occupied in 1962, was never completed. The maternity unit was placed in an adjoining building and has fluctuated from location to location ever since. I hope that no-one waited for the new maternity section before having their baby, as that was 33 years ago.

At last we can see the end in sight, and the recommendation to complete stages 3 to 6, following from stage 2, is exciting, and I hope will happen. It is greatly needed and it is an efficient way to proceed. It is estimated that not to do so would cost more than an additional \$800 000. It is with pleasure that I support this report.