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EATING DISORDER UNIT

In reply to the Hon. A. BRESSINGTON (5 April 2011).

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Public Sector Management, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Consumer Affairs, Minister for Government Enterprises, Minister for Gambling): The Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse has advised:

1. There were a number of consultation sessions undertaken as part of the project. These sessions were held during and after work hours to enable people to attend. Those people who were unable to attend a session were provided with the opportunity to contact the project consultant via telephone or email.
2. Consultation has been undertaken to develop a suitable model of care for eating disorders for South Australia. The project recommendations will include a description of the types of programs, which should be delivered in South Australia, for people with eating disorders, as well as South Australian requirements for bed numbers and types. It is anticipated that the review will indicate optimal requirements for bed based services. The future of Ward 4GP would be informed by the project recommendations.
3. I announced that a project would be undertaken to develop a state-wide service model for eating disorders in South Australia. The Government is committed to ensuring that there are weight disorder services accessible by all South Australians.