

Question on Notice
No. 274
Asked on 6 March 2007

MR LANGBROEK asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

QUESTION:

With reference to 'The Park Hospital' (Centre for Mental Health)—

Will he confirm that security cameras in the parking precinct near the high secure area are not working and/or have inadequate lighting after midnight, thus rendering security useless, and what action he has taken and is taking to address this problem?

ANSWER:

I am advised the security cameras in the parking precinct near the high secure area are working. In keeping with the needs of a residential facility, but at the same time meeting the relevant Australian Standards, every second light is automatically switched off between midnight and 5.00am. Security is not compromised as the cameras are equipped with an iris which reacts to the level of light available. The lighting is also sufficient to provide a safe environment and illuminate paths and walkways eliminating the risk of slips and falls.

Furthermore, there is a planned maintenance program in place for the cameras and lighting. Security officers also conduct regular lighting audits and reported faults are rectified by the maintenance department.