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## **Fiona Stanley Hospital On Time and On Budget**

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton recently undertook a tour of the construction site of the Fiona Stanley Hospital with Brad Sebbes, Executive Director of the Fiona Stanley Hospital and Terry O'Brien, Communications Manager from Brookfield Multiplex.

"Responsibility for the design and construction of the project lies with Brookfield Multiplex and I was impressed to see that the construction of the new state-of-the-art hospital is progressing well and that it is on time and on budget, said Dr Nahan.

"The Fiona Stanley Hospital is the largest building infrastructure project the WA Government has ever undertaken. When it opens in 2014, the Hospital will be WA's flagship health facility providing much needed services to communities across the south of Perth and in particular, to the constituents of my electorate of Riverton."

Dr Nahan said construction began in 2009 and the workforce will reach a peak of 1,700 people supported by 150 administration staff later this year and early next year.

"The facility will feature 6,300 rooms, house 783 hospital beds and service an expected 350,000 patients a year. It will feature the State burns unit, the State's rehabilitation service, a major trauma centre, comprehensive cancer and pathology services, renal and dialysis services, a mental health unit, and obstetrics and neo-natal services," said Dr Nahan.

"Having walked the construction site, virtually the same size as four city blocks, it is a very impressive facility indeed."

Dr Nahan said the Facilities Management Services Contract to manage non-essential services at the new hospital has recently been awarded to Serco Australia and contrary to union claims the hospital is not being privatised.

"Certain non-essential services are being contracted out but that is standard practice in new hospitals across Australia," said Dr Nahan.

I was extremely impressed by the sheer size of the hospital complex and by the scope of the medical facilities and services that it will provide to our local families. I have no doubt that when it's finished, the Fiona Stanley Hospital will be an excellent public facility that is fully owned by the people of Western Australia."

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