

SHine SA
20 June 2006

The Hon. A.L. EVANS: I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Emergency Services, representing the Minister for Families and Communities, a question about SHine SA.

The Hon. A.L. EVANS: The state government is planning to give a \$5.75 million building and land package to the non-government sexual health body SHine SA. Other options available to the organisation were a \$600 000 upgrade of its current establishment and the lease of a new purpose-built facility at a cost of \$360 000 per year. The Public Works Committee has clearly not supported the government's decision after examining crown law advice and financial information it received in relation to the matter. My questions to the minister are:

1. Will he advise the council why the state government intends to give a \$5.75 million building and land package to SHine SA given that its Chief Executive Officer conceded that its occupation of the premises would be minor?
2. What solutions were considered to address the concerns with public transport access to the current Kensington site?
3. Does he concur with the SHine SA Chief Executive Officer that an upgrade of the Kensington site and a 130 per cent increase in funding is inferior to the construction of the proposed facility at Woodville?
4. Are abortion and needle exchange facilities proposed for SHine SA's new facility?

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In reply to **Hon. A.L. EVANS** (20 June).

The Hon. G.E. GAGO: The Minister for Health has advised:

1. The State Government is contributing \$3.75 million to SHine SA to develop facilities to strengthen the provision of, and improve access to primary health care services in the western suburbs. The new GP Plus facility will locate a range of primary health services in one integrated centre comprising SHine SA services, GPs, mental health counselling, adolescent counselling and drug and alcohol counselling.
2. The Kensington SHine SA site has been sold and the lease with the new owners expires in July 2007. As a significant proportion of attendees to SHine SA at Kensington come from the western suburbs, the move to Woodville will improve access for these clients. The new location at Woodville is readily accessible by public train and bus services, which is important as residents of the western suburbs have lower car ownership than other areas of Adelaide.
3. Upgrading the Kensington site was considered but not pursued as it would not address access issues of clients residing in the western suburbs. The additional benefit of relocating to Woodville is the opportunity to develop a cost effective primary health service centre for the western suburbs.
4. There will be no abortion services or facilities provided at the new health centre. SHine SA will continue to provide counselling as part of its sexual health service.

As part of a comprehensive primary health care service, Drug and Alcohol Services SA (DASSA) and SHine SA are in discussions regarding what drug and alcohol services will be at the new centre. Any program that goes ahead will be administered by DASSA as per the policies and guidelines that operate for all needle and syringe programs in South Australia.