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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Mr Smyth on 16 June 2014 : Mr Nicol and then Mr Murray took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: Hansard Transcript 16 June 2014, page 46

In relation to the Secure Mental Health Unit

I should also note just looking at the budget papers that those projects and their cash flow are detailed on pages 188 and 189 of the budget papers and they—for example you mentioned secure mental health, Mr Smyth. You can see that the finance in 14-15 is 3.8 million and 30.6 million in 15-16 and those numbers line up to where we expect the bulk of the work to occur for those projects.

THE CHAIR: But if you go over to where it is outlined in the portfolio, so it is about page 207 for health, no call it 210. The bulk of the funding for the secure mental health facility, you know, it is less than 10 per cent in 14-15. Now, is that for actual design work? What does the 3.8 million cover?

Mr Nicol: Yes, I would have to take that one on notice, but I imagine that is what would be the first tranche in any project like that would be on design because secure mental health is a very highly specialised facility without a doubt.

The Chair: Without a doubt.

Mr Nicol: So we will have to do quite a lot of design and investigate work, part of which has occurred. Mr Murray, could you add any information on that particular project?

THE CHAIR: Mr Murray can speak only if he tells us his favourite character for the *Game of Thrones*.

Mr Murray: I could have sworn that was off. Mr Peter Murray, executive director, Infrastructure Finance and Advisory. So my understanding of acute mental health is it is proceeding under a relationship contracting model.

MS PORTER: Sorry on what?

Mr Murray: A relationship contracting model in that particular case. So these are models of contract delivery where there is greater risk sharing between government and the private sector as opposed to, for example, a PPP where there is quite a significant degree of risk transfer.

Under that model I would expect it would be design work—considerable design work—being done in consultation with practitioners. As has been mentioned it is a very specialised facility so it would involve a lot of upfront design work and consultation to get a slim-packed so you can lock up, just to get a facility that the specialist practitioners in the field would be happy using.


THE CHAIR: All right the \$3 million spent this year—\$3.8 million—in the relationship model for the delivery of the secure mental health unit is that just design or will there be construction in that?

Mr Murray: I would have to take that question on notice and speak to the project manager in that particular instance.

**Katy Gallagher MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—**

The answer to the question was provided at the Health Directorate Estimates Hearing on 20 June 2014.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Health, Katy Gallagher MLA