

RADIO NEWS SUMMARY

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- (1) The United States is sending two dozen long-range bombers to Guam as a further deterrent to North Korea.
- (3) It's claimed that warning bells of the dilemma facing the Queen Elizabeth Hospital were dismissed as 'alarmist' three years. Yesterday, in his finding on the death of a patient two years ago, the State Coroner partly blamed the hospital's staffing and overcrowding problems. He also warned that more tragedies could result unless the situation was addressed. The hospital's Head of Surgery, Professor Guy Maddern, says the Coroner's remarks are no surprise, as similar claims were made by the former Head of Emergency Services, Bob Dunn, and fell on deaf ears:
Maddern: *"He made exactly the points that the Coroner's made three years ago, and at this stage the Department of Human Services and the minister at the time really gave him little credence for his comments, and he became so incredibly frustrated with the reaction that he got, really just trying to alert the community, that he left."*
- (4) Premier Mike Rann has named the first four Thinkers in Residence who will come to South Australia over the next two years to teach work and research. Baroness Professor Susan Greenfield, a world expert on Parkinson's and Alzheimer's Diseases, urban renewal expert Charles Landry, Herbert Girardet, chair, UK Sustainability alliance and a firm Blast Theory which will work with the University of Nottingham to assist South Australia in developing computer gaming and remote telecommunications. Mr Rann says they were picked from 230 candidates:
Premier: *"What we're really trying to do is to bring experts down to South Australia who will work in collaboration with local people at the universities, in science, in business and the arts. It's about making sure that Adelaide becomes a destination again."*
- (5) The State Government will invest \$500,000 in two new feature films to go into production in the Adelaide Hills and Coober Pedy. *Peaches*, starring Hugo Weaving and Jacqueline McKenzie, will be filmed in the Adelaide Hills and the Riverland and *Thunderstuck* will be filmed in Adelaide and Coober Pedy.
- (6) Smoke alarms saved the lives of a northern suburbs family of four after an overnight house fire at Parafield Gardens.

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