

HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE, RECOMMENDATIONS

1522. Mr Bradshaw to the Minister for Health

- (1) What action has been undertaken with regard to Recommendation 7(ii) of the Health Administrative Review Committee (HARC)?
- (2) What and where has the 'extensive consultation process' taken place?
- (3) Has this recommendation of HARC been finalised?
- (4) If not, how can the Boards of the South West Hospitals be sacked until the review has been finalised?

Mr KUCERA replied:

1. Plans for the review and consultation have been developed.
2. A process for consultation with rural stakeholders is incorporated into the review, which will commence in the near future.
3. Action relating to this recommendation has not been finalised.
4. None of the five former South West Health Service Boards was sacked. The five South West Health Service Boards were amalgamated into one legal entity known as the South West Health Board. This Board came into operation on 1 January 2002. Further consultation with South West communities will take place as part of the overall review of country health services.