

SURGICAL PROCEDURES — COLLIE AND BUNBURY HOSPITALS

688. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Can the minister confirm that many surgical procedures previously performed at Collie Hospital are now instead performed at Bunbury Hospital?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) which types of surgery have been moved to Bunbury and what is the reason for this change;
 - (b) what new mechanisms has the state government put in place to assist patients and their families from the Collie region with higher travel and accommodation costs; and
 - (c) have these changes extended waiting times at Bunbury Hospital?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

I am advised —

- (1) One surgical procedure type has been moved from Collie Hospital to Bunbury.
- (2)
 - (a) Tonsillectomies were previously undertaken at Collie Hospital and are now being performed at Bunbury Hospital.
 - (b) Patients will be eligible for patient assisted travel scheme assistance if they meet the criteria.
 - (c) No.