

ALBANY REGIONAL HOSPITAL, SURGEON, APPOINTMENT

519. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Health

Will the Minister advise the progress of the Health Department in finding a surgeon to replace the one who has left Albany Regional Hospital?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

There is currently comprehensive general surgical cover at Albany Hospital being provided by the two general surgeons in the city. To assist these surgeons and help with the management of the workload and after hours requirements advertising has commenced to secure a third surgeon.

This advertising has been undertaken within Australia in the first instance. If this is unsuccessful, then advertising will be carried out overseas as well.