

WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE — FINANCE STAFF RELOCATIONS

628. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Health:

I have a supplementary question. Given that the minister is asking some people to move hundreds and sometimes thousands of kilometres to secure a job, will he be providing relocation assistance packages for these people or redundancies if they are unable to take up that offer?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

Obviously, if people have to move, they will be able to take the opportunities to move to that position in these finance hubs consistent with the industrial agreements with the Health Services Union consultation and introduction-of-change provisions. I stress that no-one is losing a job out of this arrangement. If people do not wish to move, we will be finding them new roles within the area.

Ms M.J. Davies interjected.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the National Party!

Mr R.H. COOK: But if people want to take advantage of these jobs in these finance hubs, there will obviously be things in place to assist with that process.