

HEALTHWAY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR — RESIGNATION

**99. MR N.W. MORTON to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the Premier's comments that the details of the resignation of the executive director of Healthway would be made public. As the minister responsible for Healthway, can the Minister for Health provide information to the house?

**Dr K.D. HAMES replied:**

First, I would like to apologise to the opposition. I was welcoming the King and Queen of Norway on behalf of the state earlier on, and had a pair. I inadvertently arranged it until three o'clock, but I always intended to be back for question time, so that the opposition might have been able to ask me some questions. I apologise for that.

The Premier made a commitment that he would seek legal advice on the agreement between Healthway and the executive director and, if possible, table that advice. I am the minister responsible, so that becomes my responsibility. In tabling this document, I point out that there were three and a half years to go on the executive director's contract. This payout is in line with normal public sector conditions, which is approximately a year's salary plus entitlements. I also point out that the executive director is directly employed by Healthway, so I have had no involvement in this negotiation, but for the information of the Parliament and the people of Western Australia I table this document.

[See paper 2667.]