

DISTRICT HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCILS

156. Mr B.J. GRYLLS to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the media statement of 30 August urging country people to nominate for district health advisory councils.

- (1) What will be the roles, responsibilities and powers of representatives on these councils?
- (2) How will these representatives be appointed and will there be a representative from each regional Western Australian hospital?
- (3) Will the minister table a detailed duty statement for council representatives and a departmental policy on the role of district health advisory councils?
- (4) Will the council representatives have access to budgetary information and a role in determining the priorities of expenditure on an annual basis and throughout the year?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

- (1) The role of district health advisory council members will be to talk with consumers and community members about relevant health issues, present the views and opinions of consumers and community members of the council, offer creative input on the delivery of health services and become familiar with the priorities of the health services at a local, district and regional levels.
- (2) Establishment panels will be established and will recommend membership of district health advisory councils to the Minister for Health. Provision will exist for ex officio appointments, which will enable membership to be drawn from the public health services.
- (3) There will be no duty statements for members as such, and information on the role of the councils has already been made public.
- (4) No.