

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — STAFF — IMPROPER CONDUCT

390. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to recent media reports that several Department of Health employees have been charged with accepting offers of money to be involved in substituting urine samples with clean urine samples to assist people seeking mining jobs.

- (1) Can the minister confirm the number of employees who have been charged to date?
- (2) Are all these employees currently suspended from their employment, pending the outcome of the court case?
- (3) If yes to (2), have they have been suspended without pay or with pay?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) One.
- (2) Not applicable. The person is no longer employed within WA Health.
- (3) Not applicable.