

RURAL SURGICAL SERVICE, LAKE GRACE

680. Mr AINSWORTH to the Minister for Health:

I have a supplementary question. The minister said that the specialist services in Lake Grace would be provided by a general practitioner. Will the minister indicate the type of surgical and specialist services that a general practitioner in a town like Lake Grace would be able to provide compared with the services that the fly in, fly out service provided?

Mr KUCERA replied:

The simple answer is that I am not a medical practitioner. I cannot answer those issues. However, if the member wants specific details, I am sure -

Mr Barnett: You raised it.

Mr KUCERA: The answer was given to the question, Leader of the Opposition; it is as simple as that. If the member wishes answers to specific issues on notice I am more than happy to get them for him. However, I am not a medical practitioner and I cannot give those answers now. The advice I have been given from the Department of Health is that the services that were supplied by the visiting medical services can now be supplied by a general practitioner in that area. That is the advice I have been given and that is the advice given to the member on a question without notice.