

MARGARET RIVER HOSPITAL

222. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to Margaret River Hospital.

- (1) What is the progress on the latest three-year agreement with subcontracting doctors at Margaret River Hospital and when are these agreements expected to be finalised?
- (2) What are the current plans to expand the Margaret River Hospital and emergency department?
- (3) What funds have been committed to this expansion?
- (4) When is the redevelopment or expansion of the emergency department anticipated to begin?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

Hon Darren West interjected.

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON: Honourable member, I cannot hear myself, so no-one else can either.

The PRESIDENT: Order! Thank you, member. I will do the chairing; you do the answering.

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON: I will continue.

- (1) The WA Country Health Service is currently undertaking active negotiations with doctors providing services to Margaret River Hospital. The current contractual arrangements expire on 30 June 2021 and, subject to successful conclusion of negotiations, a mutually agreed contract is expected to be finalised by this time.
- (2) The Margaret River Hospital redevelopment is considered a priority for WACHS as part of its strategic asset planning process.
- (3) Nil. Further detailed planning and costing still needs to be undertaken. In the meantime, over \$600 000 has been spent in maintenance and improvements at Margaret River Hospital since 2018–19.
- (4) Not applicable.