

POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY SCANNER

337. Mr BOARD to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the minister's brief ministerial statement about the positron emission tomography scanner. The minister indicated that he was concerned about the level of commonwealth funding to Western Australia.

- (1) Given that the \$3.85 million in funding was for capital injection into that facility, is the minister aware that no other State Government in Australia has received any capital funding?
- (2) Is the minister aware that \$2.2 million of that \$3.85 million is for the cyclotron and is already funded within the commonwealth grant?
- (3) Why is the minister playing politics while people are waiting for this vital technology in Western Australia?

Mr KUCERA replied:

- (1)-(3) I am not concerned about other States; I am concerned about Western Australia and the services we offer here. I am aware of what was contained in the tender documents. I am aware of the offer that was to be made by the federal Government. However, I am also aware that no whole-of-life planning was done for this machine which could possibly give us an exposure of some \$30 million that has not been accounted for in any of the forward estimates or planning of the previous Government.