

HOSPITALS, NORTH WEST, UPGRADING

1043. Mr L. Graham to the Minister for Health

I refer to the recent announcement that work will begin early next year on the upgrade of Osborne Park Hospital, and I ask -

- (a) how much is to be spent on similar upgrade programs in the North West of the State;
- (b) in which towns and communities will the funds be spent;
- (c) who will be responsible for administering the funds; and
- (d) when will the programs commence operation in each town referred to above?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

- (a) The Government has announced funding of \$46.5 million for capital developments in the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne Regions.
- (b) Funding will be primarily spent on developments at Broome, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek, Kununurra, Port Hedland, Newman and Nullagine.
- (c) Funds will be administered by the WA Country Health Service and the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne, Regional Health Services.
- (d) Planning and development of all projects has commenced.