

MEDICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, SIGNING

704. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Minister for Health

- (1) Has the Medical Services Agreement been signed?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) When was the due date for signing?
- (4) Are doctors currently out of contract?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

1. The Medical Services Agreement is the Department of Health generic contract to be used in negotiating on an individual basis between Public Hospitals and Medical Practitioners providing services on a commercial contract basis. Approximately 940 medical practitioners are now contracted under these new arrangements.
2. Refer to (1) above.
3. There is no due date for signing.
4. No.