

PATIENT ASSISTED TRAVEL SCHEME, FUNDING

700. Mr Masters to the Minister for Health

- (1) I refer to the statement made by the Vasse ALP candidate that 'the Patients Assistance Travel Scheme would receive an immediate increase in funding of \$1 million to make it fair again' and ask when will the Minister honour this commitment?
- (2) If yes, under what conditions will this increased funding be made available, particularly to the Vasse electorate?

Mr KUCERA replied:

- (1) The \$1 million increase will take effect in the 2001/2002 budget.
- (2) Not applicable.

There are no conditions attached to the increased funding, however, the PATS Guidelines will be revised following the current review to ensure that the scheme is targeted to those most in need.