

DERBARL YERRIGAN HEALTH SERVICE, PAYROLL COMMITMENTS

372. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) During January 2001, did the Office of Aboriginal Health, together with the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, agree to provide assistance to enable the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service to meet its payroll commitments?
- (2) Have any payments been made by the Office of Aboriginal Health to enable the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service to meet its payroll commitments?
- (3) If yes, how much was paid to the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service for this purpose in the six months to 30 June 2001?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Following a financial and management review of DYHS by Bentley MRI Pty Ltd, the Commonwealth Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, and the Department of Health's Office of Aboriginal Health, agreed to provide assistance to the health service to continue to provide health care to the Aboriginal community of Perth and meet its payroll commitments. This assistance was provided on the basis that it was non-recurrent and DYHS would commence a reform process to enable it to deliver health services more efficiently.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) The OAH purchases from DYHS health programs that are delivered to Aboriginal people. The amount that was paid, in addition to these health programs, to DYHS in the six months to 30 June 2001, was \$526 419.