

EMERGENCY MEDICINE CONSULTANTS

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

- (1) How many emergency medicine consultants and registrars will be necessary to maintain 24-hour, seven-day a week emergency and casualty services at each of the following peripheral hospitals: Swan District Hospital, Armadale-Kelmscott Memorial Hospital and Rockingham-Kwinana District Hospital?
- (2) Have procedures been commenced to recruit those emergency medicine consultants and registrars for each of the three peripheral hospitals? If not, when will they commence?
- (3) Do the hospitals expect to be able to recruit the required number of emergency medicine consultants and registrars?
- (4) What is the estimated cost of employing those emergency medicine consultants and registrars at each peripheral hospital?
- (5) Are those costs provided for in the 2001-02 budget?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question and I ask that it be placed on notice.