

HOSPITAL BOARDS, ABOLITION

1702. Mr Bradshaw to the Minister for Health

I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 1523 and ask -

- (a) which hospitals did the review committee meet with to come to the conclusion that the Hospital Boards should be abolished;
- (b) were any of the Hospital Boards or Board Members from these Southwest Hospitals spoken to with regard to the removal of these boards;
- (c) if yes to (b), which boards or board members were spoken with;
- (d) since the boards were abolished have the former board members been written to, to inform them their services are not required, and to explain that they were of such little consequence to this Government, that there was no need for lengthy consultation prior to the scrapping of their positions?

Mr KUCERA replied:

The responses to the Member's previous Question on Notice 1523 contained an assumption that the review committee to which the Member referred was the Bunbury Health Task Force. That same assumption is applied to the responses to the Member's current question.

- (a) The Bunbury Health Task Force recommendation to amalgamate the 5 South West Health Boards followed consideration by it of the Strategic Plan for South West Health Services endorsed by the previous Government. The Task Force also attached significant weight to the views expressed to it by the South West Health Executive, a body that contained representation from the 5 South West Health Boards. The Task Force met with members of the Bunbury Health Service Board.
- (b) The Bunbury Health Task Force did not speak with any of the Hospital Boards or Board Members about the removal of these Boards.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) The Minister wrote to members of each Board advising them of his decision to amalgamate the Boards to create a single South West Health Board.