

HOSPITALS, NORTH WEST, POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY SCANNERS

1453. Mr L. Graham to the Minister for Health

I refer to the announcement made in December 2002 of the installation of an \$8million Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scanner at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, and ask –

- (a) how much is to be spent on similar equipment programs in the North West of the State;
- (b) in which towns and communities will the funds be spent;
- (c) who will be responsible for administering the funds; and
- (d) when will the programs commence operation in each town referred to above?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

- (a) The State has established a PET facility to provide services on a Statewide basis. The PET scanner is a large and expensive piece of equipment requiring specialist staffing. This restricts the State to one machine at a central location. Patients from country areas requiring PET scans will be transported to Perth.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Not applicable.