

RURAL SURGICAL SERVICE

**498. Mr TRENORDEN to the Minister for Health:**

I have a supplementary question. When will the minister fund either of the two services he outlined? Will he fund the fly-in surgical service, or will he fund specialists, not into Bunbury or Geraldton, but into regional and rural Western Australia?

**Mr KUCERA replied:**

It amazes me that the member for Avon refuses to read his budget papers, or simply chooses to ignore them. I have already said that a further \$6 million of state money and a federally funded program have recently been agreed to, so that services can be moved into the country and specialists can visit regularly. I think the member chooses not to listen.