

KALAMUNDA DISTRICT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, REDEVELOPMENT COMMITMENT

**276. Mr DAY to the Minister for Health:**

I remind the minister of the endorsed Labor commitment to the \$5.5 million redevelopment of the Kalamunda District Community Hospital.

Dr Gallop interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr DAY: My constituents are very interested in the answer to this question and I would appreciate the opportunity of asking it without interjection from the Premier.

That commitment reflected the former coalition Government's actions in last year's budget.

- (1) Is the minister aware of any plans that may result in a reduction of services of the hospital, and if not, will he guarantee that services at the Kalamunda District Community Hospital will not be cut back or diminished in any way?
- (2) Will the minister now commit to completing the promised upgrade of the hospital that was started by the previous Government?

**Mr KUCERA replied:**

I thank the member for Darling Range for giving me notice on this matter and for the degree of statesmanship that he exhibits in this House. It is sadly lacking in the rest of his front row.

Several members interjected.

Mr Barnett: You will not find us misleading the House. Your statesmanship is going to be on the skids in the next 24 hours.

Mr KUCERA:

- (1) I am not aware of any specific plans that may result in a reduction of services at Kalamunda hospital and I understand that all health services are still in discussion with the Department of Health about how they will manage their activity levels and budgets for 2001 and 2002. The aim is for them to come in on budget at the end of the financial year.
- (2) Yes.