

BENTLEY HOSPITAL

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

- (1) How many surgical operations of all kinds are performed annually at Bentley Hospital?
- (2) Why is the government ceasing day surgery at Bentley Hospital?
- (3) Where will day surgery patients be operated on when services at Bentley Hospital are not available?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

- (1) 4 400.
- (2) The Department of Health has issued a clinical services consultation paper for 2005 and is seeking public comment by 21 June 2005. A final decision on services at the hospital will be made at the end of the clinical services framework consultation period.
- (3) Existing services at Bentley Hospital will be maintained until after the consultation period. Should services be reconfigured, other appropriate facilities will be made available.

**The PRESIDENT:** I give Hon Giz Watson the call for the next question.

*Point of Order*

**Hon BARRY HOUSE:** It is standard procedure that the three members of the opposition front bench are allocated questions first. Is this a new ruling or a departure from the previous convention?

**The PRESIDENT:** It is not a ruling. I thank Hon Barry House for pointing that out to me. Regrettably, I gave the call to Hon Giz Watson when I did. However, I should point out that Hon Barry House came into the chamber a little late for reasons that are not his fault.

**Hon Barry House:** I have been here for three hours.

**The PRESIDENT:** Yes. Unfortunately, the member had to leave because of parliamentary business. I now give him the call.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*