

PERTH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL — LEAD CONTAMINATION

670. Mr D.J. KELLY to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. The Minister for Water has just said that the lead is not coming into the QEII site; the Premier has just said that the lead is not coming from the QEII site. The Premier said this morning that the source of the lead had been detected. Can the Premier tell us what his advice is as to the source of the lead; what has he been told?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

As I said, I have been advised that it is not from within the Perth Children's Hospital and it is not from within the QEII site.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! That is enough!

Mr C.J. BARNETT: I drive past the Perth Children's Hospital site every morning and there is machinery and equipment operating around that site. There is machinery around there; it is a construction site. There are all sorts of machinery and equipment operating around that construction site, which is not part of the hospital and will not be there when the hospital is completed. That is what I have been advised; we will wait until the actual confirmation comes through. There is no trick question and no trick answer; it is a construction site, as the Treasurer has said.