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JOONDALUP HEALTH CAMPUS

155. Mr A.P. O'GORMAN to the Treasurer:

Three weeks ago the Minister for Health advised that he had made a submission to the Treasurer for \$226.4 million for the redevelopment of Joondalup Health Campus.

- (1) Has that redevelopment been approved?
- (2) When will the government release the funds for the contractual negotiations to conclude?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

(1)-(2) I thank the member for his question on Joondalup Health Campus. As the member and most other members from the northern suburbs would be aware, this is a fundamentally important piece of health infrastructure. The member is right; the Minister for Health and I have had a number of conversations about Joondalup Health Campus. That matter is progressing. When it has been dealt with by cabinet, in the normal processes of government, an announcement will be made.

Mr J.A. McGinty: Is that the best you can do?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: Let us consider the history surrounding Joondalup Health Campus. How long did the member for Fremantle beat around the bush —

Mr J.A. McGinty: The ball is in your court now.

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: Yes, it is in my court. We will belt it right over the net and deal with it shortly. Our government ministers do not come in here and prevaricate and make promises to which they never commit; we come in here and get things done. That is a hallmark of the new government. As the Attorney General, the Minister for Regional Development and the Premier have all pointed out, we have done that and we will keep doing that. We will do that for Joondalup Health Campus.

Mr E.S. Ripper: You're gunna.

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: No, we have done it. The former government never did that. We will continue to deliver on the commitments that we gave to the people of Western Australia. One of those commitments will involve delivery on the redevelopment of Joondalup Health Campus.