

URGENT CARE CLINICS

525. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Health:

On behalf of the member for Roe, I start by acknowledging the previous member for Eyre, Dr Graham Jacobs, who is in the chamber.

I refer to the minister's answer to my question yesterday regarding Labor's election promise to deliver urgent care clinics in the seats of Geraldton, Albany, Bunbury, Kalgoorlie, Pilbara and Kimberley.

- (1) Given that the minister said yesterday that he was making progress on that election commitment, will he today outline the progress made in each of the regional seats in which he promised an urgent care clinic?
- (2) Can the minister confirm whether there will be urgent care clinics on the ground in the seats of Geraldton, Albany, Bunbury, Kalgoorlie, Pilbara and Kimberley before the 2021 election?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

- (1)–(2) The member is of course quite correct. We are working hard to put patients first. It is one of the commitments from the McGowan government. We are working diligently with the WA Primary Health Alliance and other primary health stakeholders to ensure that we have a system in place that means that patients have an alternative to going to the local emergency department. We will be making some announcements about that shortly. I will be very happy to brief the member fully when those details are ready to be published.