

PORT HEDLAND REGIONAL HOSPITAL, REDEVELOPMENT

**968. Mr GRAHAM to the Minister for Health:**

I thank the minister for the advice that there is no indication the situation will change. I am seeking an assurance that the situation will not change and that we will retain the regional hospital.

**Mr KUCERA replied:**

As I think I said, I cannot give any assurance that things will not change. It is impossible to do that. The member would also be aware of the huge development explosion in the Pilbara at the moment that will necessitate changes. I have received no indication that there needs to be any change other than the redevelopment of the hospital.

Mr Graham: Keith Wilson said about the Kimberley that the regional hospital would remain in Derby - end of story. That is where it has remained, and it is open to you as minister to give an assurance right now.

Mr KUCERA: Keith Wilson is not in this Parliament.

Mr Graham: But he was then.

Mr KUCERA: The assurance I am giving the member is that there is no indication that that situation will change, other than the upgrade and redevelopment of the hospital.