

HEALTH PRACTITIONERS — CRIMINAL CONVICTION DISCLOSURE

1179. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to obligations upon medical practitioners to disclose criminal convictions.

- (1) Is there a requirement for doctors to disclose all criminal convictions, including those recorded in other states, territories, and countries, to the WA Department of Health or their private employer prior to commencing employment; and, if not, why not?
- (2) How many registered doctors in WA have criminal convictions; and, of those recorded, how many were for sexual assault?
- (3) How many of the recorded criminal convictions occurred in Western Australia?
- (4) Is there any obligation to report those criminal convictions to patients; and, if not, why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Health.

It is not possible to provide the requested information in the time required; therefore, I ask the honourable member to place this question on notice.