

PALLIATIVE CARE, BUNBURY

8. Mr BRADSHAW to the Minister for Health:

- (1) Has the Government allocated \$50 000 to Palliative Care in Bunbury as promised?
- (2) If not, when can the money be expected?
- (3) Will a review of Palliative Care be undertaken in the South West to assess the amount of funding needed?

Mr KUCERA replied:

- (1) \$135 000 is allocated annual to the Bunbury region for palliative care. In 2000-01, \$67 500 has been allocated to Bunbury Health Service to cover the period July-December 2000. A further \$67 500 will be forwarded to St John of God Bunbury to cover the period January-June 2001. The split funding relates to delays in finalising tendering and contract details with St John of God.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The State Government recognises that it is essential to ensure high quality palliative or specialist care for people who are dying is available in the community, therefore the Palliative Care needs of people in the South West are reviewed on a continuous basis.