

URGENT CARE CLINICS

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

Thank you, minister. I have a supplementary question. Can the minister confirm today that the pilot of the urgent care clinic rollout he referred to yesterday will take place in Perth?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

As the member would expect, the predominant activity that we will be looking at in the pilot program will be in the metropolitan area. That is where we have the biggest issues with emergency departments and population centres. It is fairly straightforward and commonsense for the main activity with urgent care clinics to be in the metropolitan area, particularly during the pilot phase. As the member observed, we have a policy to also make sure that patients in our regions are put first as well. We will make sure that regional patients are part of our urgent care policy.