

EDUCATION AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT —
GOVERNMENT'S HEALTH POLICIES

196. Mr A.P. O'GORMAN to the Minister for Health:

I ask a supplementary question. Will the minister commit today to upgrading Joondalup Health Campus to a tertiary hospital by 2020, particularly given that the northern suburbs is the fastest growing area in the state?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

Under the Labor Party in government there was absolutely no chance of Fiona Stanley Hospital becoming a tertiary hospital by 2020. There was zero chance of Labor getting it to that stage in that time.

Mr R.H. Cook interjected.

Dr K.D. HAMES: The member should ask the Treasurer whether, if he could have secured additional —

Several members interjected.

Dr K.D. HAMES: I mean the former Treasurer. If he asked the former Treasurer whether it could have been achieved, the answer would be no. We are providing at Joondalup something that both the previous government and this government planned for—namely, a major expansion of the Joondalup Health Campus to provide first-class care for the people of Joondalup. The only difference that a tertiary hospital provides —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: I ask the minister to take his seat.

Mr J.R. Quigley: You're sitting up there like a mouse, member for Wanneroo.

The SPEAKER: Some people who might be mice should not roar, member for Mindarie. I formally call the member for Mindarie for the first time. This question has been going on for 10 minutes. I hope the minister will soon reach a conclusion.

Dr K.D. HAMES: The conclusion is that we will provide a first-class facility at Joondalup, which is something that the previous Labor government could have only dreamed about.