

COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICES, FINANCIAL REPORTING

1066. Mr TRENORDEN to the Minister for Health:

Given that the legislation requires the minister to take on the role of the boards, once the boards are sacked the minister will be required by legislation to report in that manner. Why will he not do so? He will have to.

Mr KUCERA replied:

I am sorry, I misunderstood the question. Of course, we will still have to report according to the requirements of the individual area health boards.

Mr Trenorden: You will have to.

Mr KUCERA: Yes. I do not have the papers in front of me, but I can provide advice on that to the member for Avon later. I understand that I can delegate my authority, similar to what happened with the Metropolitan Health Service Board and the Director General of Health. In any case, I intend to have the director general prepare those kinds of reports until such time as we bring the legislative change into this House.