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BUNBURY PAIN MANAGEMENT CENTRE, FUNDING

1413. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Is the Bunbury Pain Management Centre the only service based outside the metropolitan area for people suffering chronic pain?
- (2) Is funding to that service under threat because of the Government's cost cutting review of health services in Western Australia?
- (3) If funding is cut, what action will the Government take to continue to help the hundreds of country people who are currently benefiting from this pain management program?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) No.
- (2) The pain management program is included in the review of all non-government health services. No decision has been made to cut this service.
- (3) The member will have to wait for the outcome of the non-government organisation review.