

HOSPITALS — REGIONAL — SAFETY

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

I refer to questions without notice 610 and 611 answered in the Legislative Assembly yesterday. What percentage of the \$5 million announced on Sunday, 11 August 2019, for immediate action to help stop violence and aggressive behaviour within hospitals will be allocated to regional hospitals and health services?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. We got onto this issue yesterday to get more information from the department to see if we could provide a breakdown of the allocation. I respect the approach by the member and her genuine interest in this particular issue. I am not in a position to advise the member of the breakdown at this stage. The Department of Health is working with the health service providers, including the WA Country Health Service, to determine the allocation funding across the WA health system. I can assure the member that the funding will not be based on just the proportion of budgets or anything of that matter, but on the basis of need and making sure that that allocation is fair. I will commit to not only the member for Central Wheatbelt, but also all regional members to provide a full breakdown of that allocation as soon as it comes to hand.