

PERTH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL — ICT EXPENDITURE

344. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

This question was asked by Hon Samantha Rowe, who has had to leave the chamber on urgent parliamentary business. I refer to the need for an extra \$181.9 million for information and communications technology at the new Perth Children's Hospital, outlined in the 2013–14 *Government Mid-year Financial Projections Statement*.

- (1) Will the difficulties identified, which now require additional funding, affect the opening date of Perth Children's Hospital?
- (2) Will the Minister for Health guarantee that Perth Children's Hospital will open on time?
- (3) If the hospital does not open on time, can the minister advise as to any financial liabilities impacting on the state as a result of the delays?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

On behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health, I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) No; the funding decision has been made to support the scheduled opening of Perth Children's Hospital.
- (2) The hospital is expected to open on time in late 2015.
- (3) Not applicable.