

COLLIE HOSPITAL — PATHWEST

1088. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the PathWest laboratory located at Collie Hospital.

- (1) How many of the following PathWest business streams are now outsourced entirely to other PathWest offices —
 - (a) clinical pathology;
 - (b) microbiology and infectious diseases;
 - (c) tissue pathology; and
 - (d) branch laboratories?
- (2) How many full-time equivalent positions have been cut from PathWest Collie in the last 12 months?
- (3) How many FTE positions will be cut from PathWest Collie in the next 12 months?
- (4) How many staff are currently employed on permanent contracts?
- (5) Has the minister or any Department of Health officers made representations to PathWest to ensure pathology services are not cut at Collie Hospital; and, if not, why not?

Hon ALYSSA HAYDEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) One. All tissue pathology testing is performed at PathWest Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre due to the specialist pathology requirements for testing and reporting.
- (2) Nil.
- (3) Nil.
- (4) Five.
- (5) No, as there is currently no intention to cut pathology services at Collie Hospital.