

HOSPITALS, OVER BUDGET

174. Mr AINSWORTH to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the article in *The West Australian* of 25 June 2001 that reported a \$20 million bailout for the Health Department, and ask -

- (1) Which Perth hospitals are over budget?
- (2) Which, if any, of these received some of the previous Government's \$48 million bailout in December 2000?

Mr KUCERA replied:

- (1) The Perth hospitals that are over budget are: the Fremantle Hospital, the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, the King Edward Memorial Hospital for Women, the Royal Perth Hospital, the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre, the Rockingham-Kwinana District Hospital and the Kalamunda District Community Hospital.
- (2) The previous \$48 million was not a bailout: it related to two separate issues concerning the Metropolitan Health Service. In August 2000 the cabinet budget standing committee approved an additional \$32 million as a recognised funding shortfall for the Metropolitan Health Service for the approved budget for 2000-01. In December 2000, following other submissions, the CBSC agreed to provide a further \$15 million for reform arrangements for the outpatient system. That funding would have been received by some of the hospitals to which I referred.