

HEALTH — ASSISTANT-IN-NURSING STAFF

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

I have a supplementary question. Just so I can be absolutely clear, can the minister categorically rule out that assistant-in-nursing staff will not be undertaking nursing duties because they are not qualified or paid to do that, and that the Department of Health guidelines specifically state that they are a complementary workforce and not to be substituted for the number of nurses or midwives employed under current workplace arrangements?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

Yes.