

PUBLIC HOSPITALS, REDUNDANCIES

236. Mr BOARD to the Minister for Health:

Can the minister advise the House whether any public hospitals have requested financial support to effect voluntary redundancies of staff due to budget constraints?

Mr KUCERA replied:

To my knowledge no hospitals have requested that support. As the member for Murdoch is aware, under the recommendations of the general Machinery of Government Taskforce, there are provisions for voluntary redundancies. A number of senior people in the system have taken redundancies, but I am advised that none has been related to any of the matters to which the member for Murdoch refers. Should any such developments occur, I will advise the member in due course.