

REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

**311. Mr BOARD to the Minister for Health:**

The minister has refused to answer the question. Will the Government decrease -

*Points of Order*

Mr KOBELKE: The standing order on supplementary questions is clear. The member for Murdoch made a statement, which is not allowed under the standing order. Therefore, he has forgone his opportunity to ask a supplementary question.

Several members interjected.

Mr DAY: Exchanges that are not strictly within the confines of debate often occur between one side and the other during the cut and thrust of debate in this Chamber. I know that the member for Murdoch is about to ask his question, as he was when the Leader of the House raised this point of order.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Murdoch had realised the error of his ways and was starting to ask the question.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

Mr BOARD: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. Is the Government decreasing the budget to country health services in order to support metropolitan health services? Yes or no?

**Mr KUCERA replied:**

I have answered the same question for the past two days running. Anything to do with the budget is mere speculation. The health budget will not be cut.