

ALBANY HOSPITAL — PATIENT RECORDS

401. Mr P.B. WATSON to the Minister for Health:

I have a supplementary question. Will the Western Australian Country Health Service make a formal apology to the patients and families involved; and, if not, why not?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Treasurer, I call you to order for the first time. Member for Armadale, I call you to order for the first time.

Dr A.D. Buti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Armadale, for the second time. For the third time!

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

We need to know what the circumstances actually were. I have just postulated what would appear to be the case. Obviously, anybody involved in this issue would be very regretful and very sorry and apologetic for the release of any information that should not have been released. I would certainly hope that none of the actual detailed information about any individual patient has been put into the public arena. I do not believe that that has been the case, but maybe the member for Albany needs to reflect on his role in this and think about making an apology.