

OPHTHALMIC SURGERY — WAITLIST

**385. Dr A.D. BUTI to the Minister for Health:**

I have a supplementary question. In addition to the question about Fiona Stanley Hospital, can the minister guarantee that no patient or their specialist will be inconvenienced as a result of his harsh health cuts at Armadale–Kelmscott Memorial Hospital?

**Dr K.D. HAMES replied:**

The second part of the supplementary question is not correct; there are no harsh cuts. It is being done to maximise the efficient use of our hospital theatres. Heaven forbid that a government might want to make the staff at its hospitals efficient!

With regard to Fiona Stanley Hospital, I have always been under the impression that some of that surgery would be done there, providing that it is required. I will make inquiries and double-check and get back to the member on that.