

KARRATHA HEALTH CAMPUS

353. Mr B.J. GRYLLS to the Minister for Regional Development:

I was happy to hear that patients are moving into the new royalties for regions-funded Busselton Health Campus. Can the minister please give the house an update on the progress of the new Karratha Health Campus?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

Obviously, there has been significant investment in our health system across Western Australia including regional Western Australia. On the back of this government's Pilbara Cities initiative, which is a vision for 50 000 in the likes of Karratha and Port Hedland in the future, there has been significant investment in schools, housing, recreational facilities and the like, and the decision to invest in the Karratha hospital. Of a total of \$207.5 million, \$206.5 million is from royalties for regions, \$650 000 is from Pilbara Health Initiative and a partnership between the state government and the Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia. This is the biggest and largest investment in a public hospital in regional Western Australia that shows this government's commitment to regional Western Australia, and the decision by the previous Minister for Regional Development to support this decision.

I have been updated that earthworks started in July last year and they are progressing very well, they are on track to be completed by midyear. Of course, the site is adjacent to the Karratha CBD, which we know has a range of coffee shops, cafes, bars, the Pelago investment —

Mr F.M. Logan: Brilliant, wonderful investment!

Mr D.T. REDMAN: Absolutely, the Pelago investment is a wonderful investment.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr D.T. REDMAN: The opposition members use a question about regional investment and health to highlight what they see is a problem with the Pelago investment. Let us just rewind a day, I got a question—sorry, I think, the Minister for Finance got a question from the member for Fremantle —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Right, a short answer through the Chair, thank you.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: Yesterday, the member for Fremantle asked the Minister for Finance what was happening about shifting the Department of Housing to Fremantle. Her premise was that the commercial people in Fremantle —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for North West, I call you to order for the second time.

Point of Order

Dr A.D. BUTI: Questions without notice are to be answered in accordance with the question that was asked that day, not to provide a history lesson on what has happened on previous days in question time.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. A short version; please, minister.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr D.T. REDMAN: I will just quickly make the point that the Minister for Finance was asked a question about relocating a government agency to Fremantle to stimulate development in Fremantle. The minute opposition members talk about Pelago—I even got a question, two questions later, from the Leader of the Opposition questioning what has happened in Port Hedland. If he approved the questions, he is either a hypocrite —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Cannington!

Mr D.T. REDMAN: I will come back to the agenda. The project has now reached another significant milestone, which the Minister for Health and I have both announced, that Brookfield Multiplex will be responsible for designing and building the hospital. It has a lot of experience building hospitals, including Fiona Stanley Hospital, and Wembley Stadium and Federation Square. Finalisation of the contract details and design will begin soon, with construction set to start next year and the hospital opening in 2018. Having modern facilities for regional Western Australia is really important to service delivery and this government is supporting that. All we hear is nothing but hypocrisy from opposition members; they have no credibility in regional Western Australia.