

MANDURAH — DIAGNOSTIC MAMMOGRAM SERVICES

624. Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN to the Minister for Health:

I have a supplementary question. Can the minister inform the house whether it is true that X-ray services currently being delivered through Albany and Busselton public health services are to be privatised with patients no longer being bulk-billed for such service?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

The provision of X-ray services in this state has been contracted to the private sector in most of our tertiary hospitals for very many years, in most cases through SKG but also through Perth Radiological Clinic. It was done under the previous government, under the previous health minister; it is exactly the same.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Mandurah, you know I am on my feet. I formally call you to order for the first time today.