

MEDICARE FRAUD, DOCTOR'S ALLEGATIONS

479. Hon J.A. SCOTT to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

What action has the Minister for Health taken regarding the statement by a Dunsborough doctor on an ABC radio program that the Health Department pressured local doctors to defraud the Commonwealth by making fraudulent claims to Medicare?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

The Minister for Health has asked the Health Department of WA to provide him with a report on all matters raised by the general practitioner on an ABC radio program. The report will include assertions about Medicare fraud.