

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE B

Correction of Answer — Division 21 — Personal Explanation

MS A. SANDERSON (Morley — Minister for Health) [2.53 pm]: I rise under standing order 148 to clarify an answer I gave during Legislative Assembly estimates in response to a question from the member for Vasse regarding elective surgery over-boundary cases. The member for Vasse referred to page 304 of budget paper No 2, volume 1, and suggested the percentage of elective patients waiting over boundary for reportable category 1 procedures had increased by six per cent. In my response, I provided more up-to-date information for the financial year to date as of April 2023 that indicates that the total number of reportable procedures on the waitlist had fallen from 29 239 to 26 819. On further questioning from the member for Vasse, I suggested that her six per cent figure must have included non-reportable procedures. I now understand that she was referring to reportable category 1 procedures for the time period 2021–22 to 2022–23, which did increase by six per cent.