

ALBANY HEALTH CAMPUS — NURSE SHIFTS

395. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Health:

I have a supplementary question. I take it from the first part of the minister's answer that she is saying the nurse should have actually just walked out. Does she agree with Janet Rae that we need to have an overhaul of fatigue management in health care?

Ms A. SANDERSON replied:

At no point did I say that. The member is incorrect by verballing me in that way. At no point did I say that. I said no-one should feel obliged to stay. No-one should feel they should stay. No-one should be asked to stay for that long. I have just outlined the existing and robust legislative framework, which is far more improved than it ever was when the opposition was in government, to provide for safe workload practices. I encourage anyone to refuse a shift that they feel is unsafe due to fatigue, to escalate it to their manager, to escalate it to the union and to escalate it to WorkSafe.

The SPEAKER: That concludes question time.