

HEALTHCARE STAFF — QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

Statement by Minister for Health

MS A. SANDERSON (Morley — Minister for Health) [12.10 pm]: I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the seven health leaders who were recognised in the 2022 Queen's Birthday honours list. Firstly, I want to acknowledge Ms Angela Kelly, deputy director general, Department of Health, who was awarded the Public Service Medal for her outstanding service in the Western Australian health system, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms Kelly, PSM, has devoted herself to the improvement of the Western Australia public health system, from system performance and financial management to strategic planning and corporate governance, and has proven herself adept, responsive and flexible in addressing the various challenges.

I also acknowledge three currently serving health professionals who were awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia. Professor Graham Barrett, a consultant ophthalmologist at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, was recognised for his significant service to ophthalmology and to professional organisations. He has a special interest in cataract and refractive surgery and corneal and anterior segment disorders. Ms Annette Barton, head of occupational therapy at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, was awarded for her service to occupational therapy. She is committed to a broader vision for allied health and achieving best outcomes through transdisciplinary and interdisciplinary models. Dr Meredith Borland, a hospital emergency physician and director of emergency research at Perth Children's Hospital, was awarded for her significant service to emergency medicine, particularly paediatrics and medical research. Through her passion and her leadership and mentoring of staff, she has built a reputation as a highly regarded national and international researcher.

I also acknowledge past serving leaders in the WA health system who were recognised in the honours list. Mr Alan Bansemer, a former commissioner of health from 1995 to 2001, became an Officer of the Order of Australia for his distinguished service to public administration. Mr Bansemer, AO, is particularly recognised for his health leadership and policy development. Professor Tarun Weeramanthri served as Chief Health Officer and was the inaugural assistant director general of the public and Aboriginal health division from 2017 to 2018 at the Department of Health. He also became a Member of the Order of Australia for his significant service to public health administration. Professor Weeramanthri, AM, is currently deputy chair of the PathWest board. Finally, I acknowledge Dr Jennifer Stedmon who gained the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to medicine in the field of anaesthesia. Dr Stedmon was a consultant anaesthetist at Fremantle Hospital between 1999 and 2013. Congratulations again to all recipients.