

SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE, MS ANNE CHAMPION

3284. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) Given that Ms Anne Champion believes that she is still in the full employment of the South West Area Health Service and has never signed a document requesting leave without pay, will the Minister verify her employment status?
- (2) Given that Ms Champion had an interview with Paul Harris, Manager Human and Industrial Relations, and Kate Cross, Acting Policy Coordinator, on 2 April 2003 with the purpose of documenting Ms Champion's concerns relating to issues of work practice at the Busselton Hospital, is there a document which records this interview containing 18 pages of concerns?
- (3) Have these concerns been addressed?
- (4) Will the Minister explain why Ms Champion has not been paid since 1 November 2003?
- (5) If not, why not?
- (6) Will the Minister verify that Ms Champion met with staff members from the Premier's office on 23 March 2004?
- (7) What was the outcome of this meeting?
- (8) Will the Minister give a commitment to resolve all of Ms Champion's claims?
- (9) If not, why not?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

1. Ms Champion is currently on leave without pay. In a letter from Ms Champion to South West Area Health Service (SWAHS) dated 30/12/03, she had agreed to be deemed as on Leave Without Pay status at the request of SWAHS. Ms Champion has been issued with an instruction to return to work. This instruction was confirmed by Ms Champion to have been received on 15/10/04.
2. Yes. The correct name is Paul Hollis not Harris.
3. Yes.
4. Ms Champion has been on approved leave without pay.
5. Employees are not entitled to remuneration when on leave without pay.
6. Yes.
7. The Premier's Office suggested that Ms Champion discuss her issues with the Ombudsman's Office.
8. A commitment to address Ms Champion's claim has been given and undertaken. I am unable to give a commitment to resolve Ms Champion's claims to her satisfaction solely.
9. All major claims relating to safety issues within the workplace have been addressed. Ms Champion's claims relating to other individuals have not been substantiated through investigation and discussion with those individuals named by her.