

HEALTH SERVICES, LEEMAN-JURIEN BAY-CERVANTES-LANCELIN

753. Hon M.J. CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Will the minister ensure that the Department of Health funds the requirement for 24-hour rostered coverage at Jurien Bay, enabling all health services in the Leeman-Jurien Bay-Cervantes area to be integrated on a recurrent basis?
- (2) Will the minister accompany me to the Lancelin-Cervantes-Jurien Bay-Leeman area as soon as possible to gain a first-hand appreciation of the requirements for health services in the region over the next five years?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The Jurien Bay Health Centre is a publicly funded health service operated by Western Health Service. The health centre provides 24-hour nursing cover seven days a week, with nurses on call for the 12 hours from 8.00 pm to 8.00 am. After-hours calls to the health centre are referred to HealthDirect and, if required, HealthDirect contacts the nurse practitioner on call in Jurien. After-hours emergency medical coverage is available through the Rivers medical group when required.
- (2) It is the minister's intention to visit the area and he will notify the member when he does so.