

WYNDHAM HOSPITAL — OPERATING HOURS

**758. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Health:**

I have a supplementary question. Given that it has been more than 12 months since that hospital has had normal operations, can the minister please advise a time line for the return to normal operations?

**Ms A. SANDERSON replied:**

I cannot give the Leader of the Opposition a time line. What I can tell her is that WACHS is working intensively to ensure that we uplift the staffing there. It is immensely challenging to staff rural and regional areas across the nation right now. We have the most rural and remote areas in the world in some instances. We have up to 800 sites to staff. As the Leader of the Opposition well knows, it is very challenging to maintain services in those very remote areas. However, we are providing emergency access to that community, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We are absolutely focused on lifting that service back up to its normal service level as soon as we can practicably and safely do so.