

SIR CHARLES GAIRDNER HOSPITAL, ON-CALL ALLOWANCE PAID TO NURSES

**820. Hon JIM SCOTT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

- (1) Is the availability or an on-call allowance of approximately \$6 000 paid to senior nurses at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital within the current pay award, and is this allowance paid to any other groups of senior nurses at any other hospital?
- (2) Under the current pay award, and as a result of the work value reclassification of senior nurses, should nurses doing equal work at separate locations be paid equally?
- (3) Are groups of nurses being paid extra amounts outside of the BIPERS scoring matrix developed by Austral Training and Human Resources Pty Ltd; and, if so, will the minister please provide details?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of question.

- (1) Yes, commuted, on-call allowances in accordance with the applicable awards are paid to some nurses at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. Similar arrangements exist in some other hospitals.
- (2) The current award provides for salaries and conditions of employment for nurses in all classifications across all locations in the public health system.
- (3) The Minister for Health advises that he is unaware of any extra amounts outside of the BIPERS scoring matrix developed by Austral Training.