

YOUR SAFETY IN OUR HANDS IN HOSPITAL REPORT — MINISTER FOR HEALTH'S COMMENTS

286. Ms L. METTAM to the Minister for Health:

I have a supplementary question. Despite the cherrypicking of statistics, how can health outcomes —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Ms L. METTAM: How can health outcomes in WA continue to decline —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, member, can you just pause for a moment. A supplementary question is not an opportunity for everyone to interject, and I was kind of hoping that ministers might know that.

Ms L. METTAM: How can health outcomes in Western Australia continue to decline while the WA government's budget position continues to improve?

Ms A. SANDERSON replied:

This government has spent more on health than any previous government. The health budget has increased by 30 per cent under this government since 2017. There has been a 30 per cent increase in investment in health since we have been in government.

Ms L. Mettam interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please, member!

Ms A. SANDERSON: What the member is referring to is an infinitesimally small number of incidents compared with the volume of episodes of care. We are talking an increase of seven out of more than a million episodes of care, not including outpatients. That is cherrypicking data, Leader of the Liberal Party, and undermining the incredible work that our doctors, nurses, allied health and support workers do, and the deep commitment they have to safety.