

DIRECTOR OF NURSING - MID-WEST HOSPITALS

**887. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the position of director of nursing at the Northampton, Three Springs, Kalbarri, Mullewa and Morawa hospitals.

- (1) Is the position of DON at each of these facilities to be moved to Geraldton?
- (2) If so, why and when?
- (3) What will be the structure of administration and nursing in these health centres following this proposed move?
- (4) Is the proposal a cost-saving exercise?
- (5) Under what review was the change made and will the minister table an extract of the document that contains this recommendation?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)-(5) Currently in the WA Country Health Service, mid-west, there are director of nursing/health service manager positions overseeing Northampton, Kalbarri and Mullewa and at Morawa, Perenjori and Three Springs. There is also a director of nursing/health service manager for Dongara, Eneabba and Mingenew. The regional director of the WA Country Health Service, mid-west, is currently seeking the views of the senior management team on this arrangement. Any proposed changes will be discussed with staff and unions.