

WOMEN'S AND BABIES' HOSPITAL

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

I have a supplementary question. In December 2020, the minister's government announced \$1.8 billion would be set aside for this hospital. How is it that more than two years later, the government has managed to do absolutely nothing and commit to the current King Edward Memorial Hospital for Women?

Ms A. SANDERSON replied:

I pity the community if the Leader of the Liberal Party ever ends up being the Minister for Health with such a shallow understanding of what it is to build complex infrastructure in Western Australia on a site that already has infrastructure on the site. We are well progressed with the women's and newborns' hospital. Good execution is all in the planning. You can have the best idea in the world, with the new Perth Children's Hospital as an example, but everything is in the implementation. We have the best people in the Department of Health, the Department of Finance and the North Metropolitan Health Service working through the planning, scoping and implementation of how we will deliver a world-class women's and newborns' hospital. We will not make the mistakes that you made, when you could not even open Perth Children's Hospital. We had to have a change of government.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Ms A. SANDERSON: I would like to see this opposition do its own job, do its due diligence and deal with legislation that comes into this house, let alone giving advice on how to build complex infrastructure.