

WOMEN'S AND BABIES' HOSPITAL — RELOCATION

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

I have a supplementary question. Given that six weeks ago the minister stated in this place that the women's and babies' hospital would be at the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre site, when will the minister provide the business case that justified her captain's call, and make it public?

Ms A. SANDERSON replied:

First of all, I have made a commitment to make the business case public. It is an extensive document. I do not think the former Liberal–National government ever made a single business case public. Oh! It did not do business cases! That is right! It did not do business cases. There was that \$3.2 billion contract to Serco with no business case.

I have made a commitment. We will go through the processes. It is essential that we do not disadvantage the state in a tender process. There is information in that business case that could do that, so we will have to make sure that that is redacted. There is also a commercial operator on the site, thanks to the former Liberal–National government, and obviously there are commercial-in-confidence considerations. Other considerations in the business case are, of course, the length of time, the disruption and the schedule of works. There are also considerations outside of the business case, which I have also iterated and outlined. Those are the systems-wide risks, which I will continue to articulate and iterate to the opposition.

This government has gone through the right processes, unlike the former government. We went through the business case process. We were alerted to new information. When governments get new information, sometimes they have to make a new decision. That is what cabinet did. The cabinet of Western Australia made a decision based on the new information and the risks associated with this project.