

FIONA STANLEY HOSPITAL — NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TESTING AUTHORITIES
ACCREDITATION

1207. Hon SUE ELLERY to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I just note at the outset of questions without notice that we submitted three questions to the Minister for Police today, and we are advised she is too busy to provide answers. That is most unsatisfactory.

Hon Helen Morton: Too busy with what?

Hon SUE ELLERY: Too busy to provide answers.

Hon Michael Mischin: She is in the chamber, actually, dealing with a bill.

Hon SUE ELLERY: That is good, but there is a standard process and I am sure it would have been possible, given that questions are lodged at 11 o'clock, to provide answers.

Hon Michael Mischin interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! Having had that exchange, let us move into questions.

Hon SUE ELLERY: Thank you, Mr President. My question now is —

- (1) Can the Minister for Health confirm that Fiona Stanley Hospital was recently assessed for National Association of Testing Authorities—NATA—accreditation?
- (2) Can the minister confirm whether Fiona Stanley Hospital failed that assessment process and has not been accredited for the purposes of testing for laboratories in the hospital?
- (3) If accreditation was not achieved, what is the minister doing to correct the situation?

Hon ALYSSA HAYDEN replied:

I nearly did not have an answer either, because my minister is extremely busy, but I do have one here for the member.

Hon Sue Ellery: That is good. That is my point.

The PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon ALYSSA HAYDEN: I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) This is incorrect. The assessment process was not failed. PathWest Laboratory Medicine WA at Fiona Stanley Hospital is National Association of Testing Authorities—accredited for the scope of pathology testing performed on site—NATA accreditation 2392-22309. Following NATA accreditation, a Medicare certificate of approval as an accredited pathology laboratory—APL 39340—was issued on 16 April 2015, with effect until 4 August 2017.
- (3) Not applicable.