

WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE — SILVER CHAIN

**918. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Health:**

I have a supplementary question.

Thank you, minister. Given that regional health services are already stretched in their capacity to staff services, can the minister guarantee that the FTE allocation will remain the same or be increased for all those services?

**Ms A. SANDERSON replied:**

I can certainly say that that is the aim. That is certainly the aim. There has been no reduction in WACHS services when we have been able to provide the staff. Some of these towns are very small, with a very limited population. It will be a determination about whether a staff member wants to come over to the public health service. The aim is to maintain the service. That is why we took it over.