

DOCTOR SHORTAGE, MANJIMUP

Petition

MR P.D. OMODEI (Warren-Blackwood - Deputy Leader of the Opposition) [12.06 pm]: I present the following petition -

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned people, who live and visit the Manjimup district, are very concerned that the State Government and the South West Area Health Service have taken little or no action to address the critical shortage of doctors in Manjimup.

The workload for the two resident doctors is extreme, placing their own health and wellbeing at risk. We remind the Government that the Warren District Hospital services a large area of the South West. The ability of the local shire to attract and retain doctors through subsidies is limited given that there are four towns in the shire and we need at least four doctors in Manjimup.

Now we ask that the Legislative Assembly direct the Treasurer and Minister for Health to ensure that Manjimup has at least four doctors, as failure to do so will place families and lives at risk.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that you will give this matter earnest consideration and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

The petition bears 279 signatures and I certify that it conforms to the standing orders of the Legislative Assembly.

[See petition 41.]