

WOMEN'S AND BABIES' HOSPITAL — NEONATAL SURGICAL PROCEDURES

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

I have a supplementary question. How can the minister stand by this decision when the justification—the Infrastructure WA report—did not consider clinical outcomes?

Ms A. SANDERSON replied:

The business case is around the deliverability of the infrastructure and it outlines the time frame, risks and sequence of work. That is the reality. All of the former clinical services planning was right to identify the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre site. That is why we went ahead with that site, because that was the best-case scenario. However, the infrastructure experts who will have to build the hospital and keep Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and Perth Children's Hospital running said, "You can't do this."

Ms L. Mettam: It was a desktop report.

Ms A. SANDERSON: The Leader of the Liberal Party should read the whole document.

Ms L. Mettam: I did.

Ms A. SANDERSON: All 180 pages?

Ms L. Mettam: I have.

Ms A. SANDERSON: No, she has not. If she has read that business case and hand on heart says that she would continue, she is reckless and irresponsible.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please!