

WOMEN'S AND BABIES' HOSPITAL — RELOCATION

675. Ms L. METTAM to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. The government is consulting clinicians after the decision has already been made. Given the Premier has admitted that he got Aboriginal cultural heritage laws wrong, is it not time he admitted that he needs to start listening?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: The interjections were disorderly, and it is my role to advise the member that her question was again not short, sharp and direct.

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

The government made this decision on the basis of all the evidence that was put before us, and that is the appropriate thing for a government to do. The other appropriate thing to do is to continue to consult and work with those whose clinical services are impacted and with user groups and others to ensure that we get this decision right. It is not made with a great sense of glee. This decision is based on the cards that we have been dealt, and we have been dealt them because of the decisions the member's party made when in government. As a result of the decisions it made, we have made the appropriate decisions in the interests of the taxpayer and in the interests of services for women, and for the babies who will be delivered in those facilities, and in relation to making sure that we bring this on as quickly as possible.