

HEALTH STAFF — ASSAULTS AGAINST

**492. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to staff assaults within the health system.

- (1) How many assaults on staff have there been in the public health system in the past five years, and what is the underlying trend?
- (2) What kinds of assaults are occurring?
- (3) Where are the main hotspots for hospital staff being assaulted?
- (4) Are high-risk areas being identified; and, if yes —
  - (a) what security measures have been employed in these high-risk areas; and
  - (b) do any of our at-risk hospital staff have personal-protection garments; and, if so, what are they and when are they required?
- (5) Can the government please highlight how it plans to better protect our doctors and nurses against serious assault?

**Hon ALANNA CLOHESY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

Due to the detailed nature of the question, I am advised that the Department of Health is not able to provide the requested information in the time required and I therefore ask the honourable member to place this question on notice.