

WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE — MEDICAL IMAGING

**449. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to WA Country Health Service's utilisation of contractors to manage and release medical images to treating health practitioners.

- (1) Does WACHS review the terms and conditions imposed by its contractors on treating health practitioners when seeking access to medical images to ensure that the terms and conditions being imposed are not unduly unreasonable and are legally appropriate?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), please provide details of the process WACHS follows in reviewing such terms and conditions.

**Hon ALANNA CLOHESY replied:**

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

- (1) No.
- (2) All contractors engaged in the provision of medical imaging services are required to meet the terms and conditions of contract as specified in the request document. Contractors awarded for the provision of medical imaging services at WA Country Health Service are required to meet relevant WACHS policy and national standards as specified for data integrity and security. For current contractors for medical imaging services and through the tender evaluation process facilitated by the Department of Finance, WACHS has only accepted the offers of the current contractors who have included in their terms access for treating health practitioners to their secure online platforms.
- (3) Not applicable.