

PERTH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL — MENTAL HEALTH UNIT — REFURBISHMENT

**195. Ms L. METTAM to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. Does the Premier seriously believe that waiting more than two years to announce a plan to address safety concerns is at all fair and reasonable after that alleged rape?

**Mr R.H. COOK replied:**

We will do what is needed to make sure that we keep those young people safe, and we will do it properly. This is not a time for political sloganeering; this is a time to make sure that we do the right thing by the young people in that ward. The opportunity to decant 12 of those beds in the short term so that we can undertake this work represents a commonsense, sensible approach to redeveloping that ward. Anyone would think that it is the appropriate response.