

WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE — INVESTIGATION

988. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I ask this question on behalf of Hon Martin Aldridge, who is away on urgent parliamentary business.

I refer to media reports regarding an Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency investigation into Dr George Campbell Du Toit, who was contracted as a medical consultant for WA Country Health Service in Albany from 2016 to 2020.

- (1) Does WACHS or the Department of Health currently have or intend to commence an investigation into Dr Du Toit's tenure in Western Australia?
- (2) Is the minister aware of any complaints made against Dr Du Toit by colleagues, patients or WACHS staff while he was practising in WA?
- (3) Was the Department of Health or WACHS aware of any allegations of medical negligence against Dr Du Toit prior to his contract with WACHS?
- (4) Why did WACHS choose not to renew Dr Du Toit's contract in 2020?

Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:

I answer on behalf of the Leader of the House. I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question and provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Health.

- (1) WACHS has proactively undertaken a review of the care provided by this individual.
- (2) Yes. However, the Minister for Health cannot divulge information relating to individual patient care.
- (3) No.
- (4) Reasons for not renewing contracts are a matter between the employee and employer.