

WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE — PATIENT INFORMATION

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

I refer to questions without notice 404 and 449, asked by me on 12 and 14 May 2020 respectively.

- (1) Within its contracted services to the WA Country Health Service, is Global Diagnostics Australia required to provide treating health practitioners with access to its secure online platforms in order to access medical images and reports?
- (2) If yes to (1), has WACHS reviewed the terms and conditions being imposed on treating health practitioners by Global Diagnostics Australia for access to its secure online platform to ensure that they are legally appropriate and do not unreasonably withhold access?
- (3) If no to (2), why not, given that WACHS accepted offers only from those contractors that provided access to a secure online platform as part of its tender evaluation process?
- (4) Does WACHS require Global Diagnostics Australia to obtain written or verbal consent for the release of patient information to treating health practitioners?

**Hon ALANNA CLOHESY replied:**

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.
- (3) As part of the request specifications, the WA Country Health Service requested that a secure online platform be included as part of the respondent's response. WACHS' contractual arrangement with Global Diagnostics Australia requires it to adhere to the Department of Finance's general conditions of contract, including its data security provisions and WA Health's "Information Access, Use and Disclosure Policy".
- (4) WACHS has previously advised Global Diagnostics Australia to provide clinicians access to any radiological studies when appropriate patient consent has been provided.