

BUNBURY HOSPITAL — WARDS

598. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Can the Minister for Health confirm that ward 5.3 at Bunbury Hospital at South West Health Campus is presently closed?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) for how long has it been closed;
 - (b) how many beds were in this ward when it was open; and
 - (c) is this ward currently being used as a storeroom?
- (3) Can the minister confirm that immune-compromised cancer patients are being forced to stay in mixed general wards due to the lack of single-bed rooms or a dedicated cancer ward at the hospital?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the minister representing the Minister for Health, I provide the following answer.

- (1) There is no ward 5.3 at Bunbury Hospital.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Immunocompromised patients are not placed in shared rooms. The immune status of all cancer patients who are admitted to the hospital is assessed on admission and daily throughout their admission to determine whether they require isolation. Bunbury Hospital does not have a dedicated cancer ward.