

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — RECORDS STORAGE — SINGAPORE

1371. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Can the minister confirm that WA Health has signed, or is about to sign, a deal to store WA Health records offshore in Singapore?
- (2) If yes to (1), which company is storing the records, and can the minister confirm whether this storage system has already crashed twice since first being used?
- (3) What guarantees can the minister give on the privacy of Western Australian patients if their records are being stored overseas, and will the company be forced to comply with legislation relating to medical records and national privacy laws?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

On behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health, I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) No. WA Health has no knowledge of arrangements to store records offshore in Singapore.
- (2)–(3) Not applicable.