

PERTH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL — EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT — RESUSCITATION TEAM

751. Ms L. METTAM to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. This gap was identified more than two years ago —

The SPEAKER: Member, if you are going to start with a statement, I am going to ask you to sit down. Ask the question, please.

Ms L. METTAM: Why does the Premier continue to drag his feet on this recommendation, which was made more than two years ago?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

I substantially answered that in reply to the member's original question, so I am not quite sure what role the supplementary question played other than to simply again give me the opportunity to say that only a WA Labor government will put health first and Western Australian patients first. Only a WA Labor government will provide the investment we need to make sure that we can provide world-class health care. This minister is working tirelessly to make sure that we support the Perth Children's Hospital so that it can go on providing great care for the sick kids of Western Australia. That includes ongoing work in relation to the supernumerary resuscitation team, and, at the moment, it is at the epicentre of the work we are doing to improve nurse-to-patient ratios.