

ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS — PEEL REGION FUNDING

42. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the announcement by Treasurer Christian Porter and Minister for Regional Development Brendon Grylls on Thursday, 19 May 2011 that —

By 2015 Royalties for Regions will have allocated more than \$1 billion towards health services and infrastructure in regional areas including an investment of \$538 million to strengthen medical care and services in rural communities in the southern part of WA.

- (1) How much of the \$538 million has been allocated to the Peel region?
- (2) What services in the Peel region are receiving, or are scheduled to receive, part of that funding?
- (3) How much of the \$538 million has actually been spent in Peel in this financial year to date?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Nil.
- (2)–(3) Not applicable.

The reference to the \$538 million investment in the media statement referred to in the question is to funding allocated between 2011–12 and 2014–15 in the 2011–12 budget for the southern inland health initiative. The Peel region is not within the scope of this initiative. Total funding allocated to the southern inland health initiative in the 2011–12 budget was \$565 million. This figure includes capital funding of \$26.7 million, which is scheduled to occur in 2015–16 after the forward estimates period for the 2011–12 budget.