

MIDWEST MEN'S HEALTH

9. Hon DARREN WEST to the minister representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the closure of Midwest Men's Health on Friday, 13 February 2015.

- (1) Given that Wheatbelt Men's Health is funded through royalties for regions, will the minister provide some consistency across regional Western Australia by providing funding to Midwest Men's Health?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), has the minister or his representatives met with the board or staff of Midwest Men's Health to discuss continuation of this important service?
- (4) If yes to (3), when did this meeting take place and who was present at the meeting?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

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

- (1) Royalties for regions has provided funding through the Department of Agriculture and Food in support of the regional men's health initiative run by Wheatbelt Men's Health. Under the regional men's health initiative, Wheatbelt Men's Health has established a strategic alliance with a number of regional men's health groups, including the Midwest Men's Health group. Under the regional men's health initiative, part funding is provided to supplement the activities of the Midwest Men's Health group and other men's health groups across the state. Funding under the alliance does not replace base funding provided by other relevant state and federal agencies with responsibilities in this area, but supports joint promotion and delivery of regional men's health initiative programs such as Fast Track and Pit Stop, community education sessions and promotion to local community groups.
- (2) Royalties for regions does not directly fund all regional men's health groups.
- (3)–(4) Not applicable.