

MEN'S HEALTH

**174. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Women's Interests:**

The Minister for Women's Interests has highlighted the importance of gender as a key determinant in health. Does the government believe it is the right time to be the first state in this nation to appoint a minister for men's interests; and, if so, when might this become reality; and, if not, why not?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

The portfolio of women's interests was established to address ongoing and deeply entrenched gender inequality and its impacts on women, and these issues unfortunately remain relevant, as demonstrated through the statistics on such things as the gender pay gap, family and domestic violence and sexual assault. Gender is a determinant in health, which is why the McGowan government is developing a women's health strategy and a men's health strategy.