

LUNG REHABILITATION CLASSES — ABOLITION

**1191. Hon SUE ELLERY to the minister representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the evidence of Mr Barry Blaikie expressing concern that cuts may be made to the lung rehabilitation program, and to the evidence the Department of Health provided to the public sector expenditure inquiry, reported in the twenty-first report of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations, that —

... no changes have been made to the chronic disease management teams in any form, that no pre existing hospital programs have been cut, no front line service are to be affected under these cuts ...

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the rehabilitation classes to assist those suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital will be abolished from 2 February 2010?
- (2) What clinical evidence supported this decision?
- (3) What advice does the minister give Mr Blaikie and other patients about where they should seek lung rehabilitation classes to ensure a level of fitness that keeps them out of hospital?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

- (1) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital is not abolishing any chronic obstructive pulmonary disease classes.
- (2)-(3) Not applicable.