

GP CLINICS — SERVICES IN SOUTH WEST

2971. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Health

I refer to the article in the *Sunday Times* on 3 October 2010 titled, 'GP calls in limbo', (page 16) and ask —

- (1) How many GP clinics in each the greater Bunbury area, and in Busselton, currently do house calls or provide after hours services?
- (2) How many GP clinics in the South West will lose incentive payments, to do house calls or open after hours from —
 - (a) July 2011; and
 - (b) July 2013?
- (3) How will this impact on the emergency departments of hospitals in the South West region?
- (4) How will this impact on the after hours GP clinic attached to the Bunbury Hospital, which is to open this month?
- (5) What action is the Government taking to ensure replacement services are offered for the people of the South West region?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1)-(5) The WA Country Health Service does not have access to information to answer this question as it pertains to arrangements between the Commonwealth Government payment through Medicare and private GP practices.