

ORTHOTIC AND PROSTHETIC CLINICAL SERVICE VISITS — MINING AND PASTORAL REGION

817. Hon KEN BASTON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the answers to question without notice 784 asked on 8 August 2019 regarding the provision of orthotic and prosthetic clinical service visits in the Mining and Pastoral Region.

- (1) Can the minister please confirm whether any clinical service visits to locations in the Mining and Pastoral Region that were funded by the WA Country Health Service in 2018–19 will not be funded in 2019–20 and onwards?
- (2) If yes to (1), which clinical service visits funded by WACHS will not continue?
- (3) If no to (1), can the minister confirm whether the clinic provided by Orthotic Prosthetic Solutions and funded by WACHS will continue; and, if not, will it be delivered by another provider?

Hon ALANNA CLOHESY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I am advised of the following.

- (1) The WA Country Health Service will continue to support visiting orthotic and prosthetic services to locations in the Pilbara and Kimberley in 2019–20. From 1 July 2020, WACHS will not continue to fund orthotic and prosthetic services that are supported by other funding streams. WACHS will not withdraw supports until an alternative funding strategy and service has been established. WACHS will continue to provide inpatient and outpatient-related services.
- (2) From 1 July 2020, WACHS will not fund orthotic and prosthetic service visits that are funded by the National Disability Insurance Scheme.
- (3) WACHS is supporting Orthotics Prosthetic Solutions to continue to deliver services in 2019–20. From 1 July 2020, this service could be delivered by an alternative provider.