

AGED CARE — ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS

222. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Seniors and Ageing:

I refer to the Wheatbelt Development Commission's "Ageing in the Bush" report and the Minister for Regional Development's answer to question without notice 125 in which she refused to commit to essential aged care projects.

- (1) Has the minister read the "Ageing in the Bush" report?
- (2) If yes to (1), is the minister committed to the strategies the report highlights?
- (3) Will the minister lobby the Minister for Regional Development to ensure the royalties for regions-funded projects announced by the previous government are not cut?
- (4) What strategies is the minister putting in place to ensure elderly people in regional WA are not disadvantaged by any cuts the government is intending to make to aged care?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Seniors and Ageing I provide the following answer.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) I am committed to supporting our ageing Western Australians in both our regional and metropolitan areas, ensuring they have quality support and services and helping them to remain active and healthy in their local communities.
- (3)–(4) All royalties for regions-funded projects are currently under review. The government has no option but to fix the budget mess that the Barnett government left behind. Decisions on individual projects will be made as part of the 2017–18 state budget process.