

BUSSELTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Hon ADELE FARINA to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to questions without notice 204 and 683 regarding the Busselton District Hospital.

- (1) What is the reason for the delay in finalising public–private arrangements for the new hospital?
- (2) Will the details of the public–private arrangements be made public by 1 November 2010?
- (3) Will the community have an opportunity to comment on the public–private arrangements before the government makes a decision and contracts are signed?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question.

- (1) The government is still considering the information that has been provided about value for money and the benefits of public versus private service delivery to ensure the best outcome for the community.
- (2) It is anticipated that an announcement will be made in the near future.
- (3) The decision about private involvement will be made on the basis of value for money and any available benefits of the model for the community.