

NURSES AND MIDWIVES — COST-OF-LIVING PAYMENT

**374. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Industrial Relations:**

I refer to the three per cent pay increase and \$3 000 cost-of-living payment to public sector workers.

- (1) Given that nurses and midwives working for the Department of Justice are on the Department of Justice's Registered Nurses and Enrolled (Mental Health) Nurses (ANF) Industrial Agreement 2020, are they still entitled to the cost-of-living payment and three per cent pay increase, given that they are still employed by the public sector?
- (2) If yes to (1), when are they expected to receive it?
- (3) If there is no immediate time line for when they are to receive it, will it be this year?

**Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the representative parliamentary secretary, I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Industrial Relations.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) On 20 March 2023, the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety's government sector labour relations approved the administrative wage increase and cost-of-living payment. The Department of Justice is currently processing those payments.
- (3) Yes.