

WOMEN'S AND BABIES' HOSPITAL — RELOCATION

1380. Hon BEN DAWKINS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the decision to locate the new Perth women's and babies' hospital at the Fiona Stanley Hospital site despite concerns raised by various experts.

- (1) Did the government consider building the new women's and babies' hospital across the road from Perth Children's Hospital in Kings Park, by changing the boundaries of Kings Parks and amending the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority Act 1998, and offsetting the lost bushland by establishing another reserve somewhere in the metropolitan area?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), why was this option not pursued?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

- (1)–(3) No. Kings Park and Botanic Garden is an A-class reserve with the highest level of protection available to crown land under Western Australian law. The location of the new women's and babies' hospital at the Fiona Stanley Hospital precinct will achieve co-location with tertiary adult intensive care services and important paediatric and neonatology services.