

ST JOHN AMBULANCE — SERVICE DELIVERY

1093. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the media release from the Minister for Health dated 9 August 2022 and entitled “New era for ambulance services to deliver contemporary care”, which includes the statement that the government is working on —

a more contemporary contract which includes introducing new performance management measures, strengthening clinical oversight, and improving transparency on how public funds are spent

- (1) Are negotiations for a new contract with St John Ambulance underway?
- (2) If yes to (1), when is the new contract expected to be completed and signed?
- (3) If yes to (1), will the contract include any clauses that will prevent St John Ambulance from reporting problems directly to the public or criticising the government or its policies?
- (4) If yes to (3), do these gag clauses meet the government’s new version of gold-standard transparency?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I answer on behalf of the Leader of the House. I do not have the answer to that. Did the honourable member say question 1208?

Hon Dr Steve Thomas: Question 1208.

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON: I have answers to 1207 and 1214. If an answer comes in, I will give it to the member later in question time.