

ALBANY HEALTH CAMPUS — RADIATION ONCOLOGY SERVICE

1003. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing Minister for Health:

I refer to my question on notice 2 860, answered on 13 May 2020, about the Albany radiation oncology unit stating that the unit would be completed by June 2022, and my question without notice number 475, answered on 19 May 2022, stating that the unit was scheduled for completion in the third quarter of 2022, and planned for operational use in the fourth quarter of 2022.

- (1) What date is the radiation oncology unit due for completion?
- (2) What date is the radiation oncology unit scheduled to commence operation?
- (3) What clarity and certainty will the minister provide around these dates to cancer patients in the great southern who must travel four hours by road to either Bunbury or Perth for treatment?
- (4) Will the minister apologise to the people of the great southern for the unacceptable delays in delivering this project; and, if not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) The McGowan government is committed to delivering a high-quality facility that will allow radiation treatment for residents of the great southern for many years to come. The construction of the Albany radiation oncology unit is well advanced and expected to be completed early next year, with commissioning to follow. Construction delays are due to supply chain issues and labour shortages, which are out of the control of the health service. All parties are working constructively to minimise delays wherever possible.