

NARROGIN HOSPITAL AND KATANNING HOSPITAL

892. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

This question was provided on 20 September. There is some confusion about the number; it is either C955 or C956. I refer to recent concerns raised by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners that the Western Australian rural hospital system is overburdened.

For each shift from Monday, 12 September to Sunday, 18 September —

- (a) how many doctors were allocated/rostered to work at Narrogin Hospital and Katanning Hospital; and
- (b) how many doctors were actually present and working at Narrogin Hospital and Katanning Hospital on those dates?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

The answer is effectively to ask the member to place his question on notice. I want to explain to the honourable member that it is not always going to be possible to get that kind of information about how many people were rostered on a particular shift at two regional hospitals within four hours. The answer from the minister is: to allow for a fulsome and accurate response, I ask the member to place his question on notice.