

WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE — AGENCY NURSES

1630. Hon Steve Martin to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:
- (1) How much of the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) budget has been allocated toward agency nurses filling vacant positions in regional hospitals annually between:
 - (a) 2020–21;
 - (b) 2021–22; and
 - (c) 2022–23?
 - (2) How many agency nurses have been hired to fill positions in regional hospitals annually between:
 - (a) 2020–21;
 - (b) 2021–22; and
 - (c) 2022–23?
 - (3) How many full time equivalent nurses, midwives or carers have been cut across regional hospitals due to staff budgetary constraints or otherwise between:
 - (a) 2020–21;
 - (b) 2021–22; and
 - (c) 2022–23?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (1)
 - (a) \$26,205,970
 - (b) \$36,156,223
 - (c) \$124,992,162
- (2)
 - (a) Financial Year 2020/21 average: 167.5 FTE per month;
 - (b) Financial Year 2021/22 average: 308.2 FTE per month;
 - (c) Financial Year 2022/23 average: 578.4 FTE per month;
- (3) WA Country Health Service has not cut FTE of nurses, midwives or carers.