

HEALTH SERVICES (FEES AND CHARGES) AMENDMENT ORDER 2022

1102. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health; Mental Health:

I refer to the *Health Services (Fees and Charges) Amendment Order 2022*, and I ask:

- (a) what was the catalyst for bringing about these amendments to the regulations;
- (b) who was consulted prior to these amendment regulations being finalised;
- (c) did any person consulted raise any concerns;
- (d) if yes to (c), what were these concerns;
- (e) have the finalised amendment regulations addressed these concerns; and
- (f) if no to (e), why not?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) The State participates in the Pharmaceutical Reforms Arrangements by way of agreement with the Commonwealth, allowing Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescriptions to be written and dispensed at public hospitals. Under the agreement, public hospitals can be reimbursed by the Commonwealth for medicines supplied to outpatients and inpatients upon discharge if they charge patients co-payments in line with the PBS. The PBS co-payment amounts reflected in the *Health Services (Fees and Charges) Amendment Order 2022* were changed by the Commonwealth on 1 January 2022.
- (b) The Commonwealth's Department of Health advises the WA Department of Health of the changes to the PBS co-payments.
- (c)–(d) Not applicable.
- (e)–(f) Not applicable.