

WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE — STAFFING

1056. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the WA Country Health Service budget.

- (1) How much of the WACHS budget has been allocated to 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 FTE 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:

Again, the answer to the question is that to allow for a fulsome and accurate response, I request the member to place the question on notice.

If I may, one part of the question asks how many agency nurses have been hired to fill positions in regional hospitals over a three-year period. It is not possible to provide that kind of information in a four-hour turnaround. It is just not possible.