

TREASURER'S ADVANCE — HEALTH FUNDING

625. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Treasurer:

I refer to page 263 of budget paper No 3 of the 2023–24 state budget, which includes in the first two lines an increase in the Treasurer's advance 2022–23 in the health budget of \$744.9 million, which includes \$255.1 million that is “largely due to additional expenditure on hospital services such as regional pressures”.

- (1) Which exact regional pressures have been addressed with this \$255.1 million?
- (2) Can the minister please provide a comprehensive breakdown of this expenditure of \$744.9 million?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided on behalf of the Treasurer.

- (1) It is for general health and hospital services.
- (2) Page 263 of budget paper No 3 details the largest four components of the additional appropriation provided to WA Health in 2022–23. Any additional information will need to be requested through the Minister for Health.