

PATIENT ASSISTED TRAVEL SCHEME — OFFICE CLOSURES

648. Mr P.B. WATSON to the Minister for Health:

As a supplementary question, will the minister provide a list of the PATS offices that he will close in regional Western Australia, and is this just part of a secret plan for the health services in regional Western Australia?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

I laughed when I saw the young whippersnapper's press release.

Several members interjected.

Dr K.D. HAMES: The secret Liberal plan to close the PATS offices! The secret Liberal plan was started in 2004 by the former government. How secret is that?

Several members interjected.

Point of Order

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON: Point of order.

The SPEAKER: If members want to call a point of order, they have to stand and yell, "Point of order."

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON: I did.

The SPEAKER: Perhaps the members on his side should cease interjecting when one of their own members tries to make a point of order. I will now take the member's point of order.

Mr T.R. Buswell interjected.

The SPEAKER: I formally call the Treasurer for the first time.

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON: The Minister for Health referred to the member for Kwinana by a name other than his seat. He should refer to the member by his correct title.

Dr K.D. HAMES: Further to that, I recollect that I did not call him "wet behind the ears"; I think I called him the wet-behind-the-ears member. That is a descriptive term, not a name.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: That concludes question time.