

WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE — HEALTH STAFF ACCOMMODATION

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

I refer to the provision of accommodation for nurses and health staff in regional Western Australia.

- (1) Is the WA Country Health Service negotiating 10-year leases of properties from local governments for nurses and other health staff based on the Government Regional Officers' Housing model?
- (2) Has WACHS considered longer terms of lease to meet the ability of local governments to be repaid for capital expenses incurred to build the houses?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes. Following a significant interest in the country health housing initiative, local governments and WACHS are working to explore long-term solutions on a case-by-case basis having regard to the needs of the relevant health service and community.