

FIONA STANLEY HOSPITAL — SERVICES

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

I refer to cardiothoracic surgery undertaken at Fiona Stanley Hospital.

- (1) Does the cardiothoracic unit have a full complement of surgeons; and, if not, how many surgeons is it short?
- (2) How many patients were on the waitlist and what was the average wait time to see a cardiothoracic surgeon at 11 March 2017 and 11 March 2023?
- (3) What was the average wait time for surgery once a cardiothoracic surgeon had been seen at 11 March 2017 and 11 March 2023?
- (4) How many patients have been removed from the waitlist due to death occurring before surgery could be performed over the past three years?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

The answer, honourable member, is this. To allow for a fulsome and accurate answer, I request the member place their question on notice.

I just make this point. The member is asking for information to be compared with information available six years ago and then he is asking for waitlists to be checked over the last three years. That is not a reasonable question to expect an answer to in four hours. It is just not reasonable. The better way is to ask a question in here that we can give the member an answer to, and place that question on notice.