

HEALTH — MISCARRIAGES

1830. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the number of miscarriages recorded in Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) what was the total number of miscarriages recorded in Western Australia in each calendar year from 2017 to 2023 (most recent available data); and
- (b) if this headline data is not readily available, how does the Minister know if there is an issue relating to miscarriages in Western Australia or not?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) No centralised collection exists from which the number of miscarriages could be accurately determined.
- (b) The Minister for Health would be briefed if the Department of Health was aware of an alarming increase in the number of miscarriages presenting to our facilities, particularly if they were for a specific adverse issue.