

In 1997 I had a massive heart attack that resulted in me having 9 cardiac arrests. At this time the Ambulance came very quickly and took me to Armadale Hospital. Where they worked on me for quite some time. When considered safe, the Doctor wanted me taken to Fremantle Hospital. St. John Ambulance were again the ones that got me there in a quick manner of time. Since that time, I have suffered another two heart attacks and St. John have arrived at my home promptly each time. The ambulance staff have been amazing every time. I have had to be transported to hospital a number of times over the years with Angina problems and been treated with respect and kindness every time by the Ambulance Paramedics. If it wasn't for these people, I would not be here today, 24 years later. I believe St. John Ambulance do amazing work, and should not be replaced, under any circumstances, by any other service. I believe that if this Committee replaces St. John Ambulance for a Government run service, it would be a disastrous move. Blame is being laid on St. John Ambulance for ramping, but this is in no way their fault. The hospital system is clearly to blame. Please turn the Governments attention to the Hospital system and not direct the problems at St. John Ambulance.