

Member Questions



Member Questions to the State Government of WA Meeting 5 October 2021

At a meeting with State Government representatives, HSUWA Members shared their experiences of working in the health sector under a stringent \$1,000 per annum wages cap.

Members also posed questions to the State Government of WA, which the HSUWA will request formal responses on from Industrial Relations Minister Stephen Dawson and Premier and Treasurer Mark McGowan.

Member questions:

- When will the Government support us financially by way of an increased wage so that we can further retain and attract highly qualified staff to provide allied health services in WA?
- What are health workers actually worth to you?
- When will the Government realise that they need to invest in WA staff and in retaining WA staff through a solid wage offer to ensure we are fully equipped to treat WA cancer patients now and in the future?

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- How will you replace an ageing and experienced work force unless you increase wages to a competitive value? Are you going to allow the WA public health system to become the laughing stock of Australia?
- How seriously do you take older women working in health, and what are you going to do to ensure that we can retire comfortably?
- What do you think is a fair pay rise for us when we are at the coalface of telling patients you aren't able to be given the care that society expects that they should?
- We have been told how essential we are. If we are so essential, why are we being paid as if we are so easily replaced? If we are so essential, why can we not be given the pay to match that?