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Att: Hon.Meredith Hammat MLA, Minister for Health Western Australia

By email: minister.hammat@dpc.wa.gov.au

Topic: Fremantle Depot

Dear Minister,

The Ambulance Employees Association of Western Australia (AEAWA) are writing to you about the re introduction of an Ambulance depot in Fremantle, as per our earlier correspondence to the former Health Minister Amber-Jade Sanderson (dated 27th September 2023 attached).

Under 'Commercial in Confidence' the Ambulance Service Agreement does not allow for public oversight of specifics relating to Key Performance Indicators and in particular response time penalties, the AEA firmly believes that having a dedicated ambulance depot in the City of Fremantle would reduce ambulance delays and improve patient outcomes, these KPIs have been at 5 year lows over the past 24 months.

The improvement in giving the community an acceptable clinical response would be the ability to have rostered vehicles commencing their shifts and continually transiting back to this location giving continual availability for the increased call volume in Fremantle, St John Ambulance made a decision based on economics not best practice when relocating out of Fremantle, this is supported by the fact that WAPOL and DFES are both fully committed to providing an emergency service to the city.

The information shared by Minister Sanderson was very much appreciated as St John Ambulance are reluctant to forward any data regarding response times to specific locations, the response times for Priority 1 callouts quoted by Minister Sanderson in her letter 2023 were under Health department Key Performance Indicators of 15 minutes for emergency calls (11.85 minutes), considering the evidence in Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrests that patient viability decreases by 10% for every 1 minute delay in Advance Life Support Defibrillation, it seems very concerning that such mediocrity is accepted.

Kind regards

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On behalf of the Executive Committee

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