

**COUNTRY HEALTH BOARD Sept 21.2006**

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond):** Will the Minister for Health inform the house why the newly formed Country Health SA board, replacing seven regional health boards, is only an interim board? What governance arrangements for country hospitals will replace that board in nine months' time?

**The Hon. J.D. HILL (Minister for Health):** The interim country health board is an interim country health board because we are going through a process of discussion and consultation with the regions about the model that will be produced in the future, and I think that is a perfectly reasonable thing to do.