

METROPOLITAN HEALTH SERVICES — ASSAULTS AGAINST NURSES

1628. Mr R.H. Cook to the Minister for Health

How many assaults toward nurses occurred in each of the metropolitan health service hospitals in 2008–2009?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

The number of incidents reported of alleged assault on nurses that occurred in each of the Metropolitan Health Service hospitals from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009:

Metropolitan Health Service Hospitals Total number of incidents reported of alleged assault on nurses.

Princess Margaret Hospital 61
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital 72
Osborne Park Hospital 2
Graylands Hospital 386
King Edward Memorial Hospital 1
Swan Kalamunda Health Service 101
Armadale Health Service 6
Royal Perth Hospital (including Shenton Park Campus) 163
Bentley Health Service 20
Fremantle Hospital and Health Service 109
Rockingham General Hospital 100

Note: ¹ The figures above include all incidents reported of alleged assaults on nurses including verbal with the exception of Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (SCGH).

The figure provided for SCGH is for all incidents reported of alleged assault on nurses excluding verbal assaults. SCGH is unable to differentiate between incidents reported of alleged verbal assault on nursing, medical or allied health staff.

² Excludes Joondalup and Peel Health Campuses.