

ARMADALE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE — SPEECH THERAPISTS

1532. Ms A.J.G. MacTiernan to the Minister for Health

- (1) What is the current level of approved positions for speech therapists at the Armadale Community Health Centre?
- (2) How many of those positions are filled?
- (3) How many staff are on long-term leave?
- (4) What will be the length of time where the service will be under full strength as a result of such leave?
- (5) What are the current lengths of waiting lists for new clients for speech pathology services at the Armadale Community Health Centre?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

1. 7.0 FTE.
2. 6.0 FTE.
3. 1
4. 24 weeks.
5. Speech Therapy across CDS use a 5 category priority system based on age, complexity and severity for waitlist management. Wait times for Speech Therapy at Armadale are as follows:
 - Category 1: 6 to 8 months
 - Category 2: 12 to 15 months
 - Category 3: 20 to 24 months
 - Category 4: 28 months
 - Category 5: 36 months