

DENMARK HOSPITAL — BED CAPACITY

1456. Mr P.B. Watson to the Minister for Health

Given that Denmark has a significant of proportion of ageing residents and this is causing an increasing demand on services at the hospital, I ask:

- (a) how many patients have been transferred from the Denmark Hospital to:
 - (i) Albany Regional Hospital; and
 - (ii) Plantagenet Hospital; and
- (b) what is going to be done to increase bed capacity and staffing at the Denmark Hospital?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

- (a)
 - (i) For the period April 2009 — August 2009, there were a total of 62 transfers from Denmark Health Service to Albany Hospital.
 - (ii) Nil.
- (b) There is sufficient bed capacity at Denmark Health Service. The WA Country Health Service — Great Southern is monitoring demand for services in Denmark and will adjust staffing where required.