

HOSPITALS, WAITING TIMES

2943. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

For the following hospitals please state the -

- (a) shortest median waiting time;
- (b) median waiting time; and
- (c) longest median waiting time,

for admission to the following hospitals -

- (i) RPH;
- (ii) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
- (iii) Fremantle Hospital;
- (iv) Princess Margaret Hospital;
- (v) Swan Districts Hospital;
- (vi) Rockingham Hospital; and
- (vii) Joondalup Health Campus?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

The Minister for Health has been advised that times are recorded in the following instances when a patient presents at emergency departments:

- seen by triage nurse
- seen by doctor
- clerical process of booking a bed in the hospital for those patients requiring a ward hospital bed; and
- patient leaving emergency department to go to ward bed (or home or another facility)

Data relating to expiration of time can be captured in the context of being seen by a triage nurse and reaching ward bed in the following ways:

- < 8 hours
- 8 to 24 hours
- > 24 hours.

The above time frames are in line with national practice. Reports are generated only in the above categories. Hospitals do not capture "waiting times for admission to hospitals". Should the Hon Member have a specific inquiry in relation to data that is recorded by hospitals, he will endeavour to assist.