

CORONAVIRUS — VACCINATION CLINICS

519. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the operation of the COVID-19 vaccination program in the metropolitan area.

- (1) What was the average wait time for booked vaccine appointments across all sites for the week Monday 10 to Sunday 15 August inclusive?
- (2) What were the administrative and clinical staffing levels across the above sites for the same period?
- (3) Is there any intention to provide extended hours of operation or increased weekend availability or drive-through capacity to expedite the vaccine rollout?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The average wait time is defined as the time between an individual checking in and the vaccine being administered. The average wait time for Joondalup was 39 minutes, Redcliffe was 33 minutes, Kwinana was 27 minutes and Claremont was 25 minutes.
- (2) I seek leave to have the information incorporated into *Hansard*. It is in tabular form.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

Table 1. Administrative staff by headcount at metropolitan State-run clinics, 9–15 August 2021:

Clinic	Administrative staff by headcount						
	9/8	10/8	11/8	12/8	13/8	14/8	15/8
Joondalup	18	16	17	10	11	12	15
Redcliffe	6	13	14	11	7	4	N/A
Claremont	26	25	22	25	23	26	29
Kwinana	10	13	13	10	10	10	11
City	N/A						

Table 2. Clinical (including pharmacy) staff by headcount at metropolitan State-run clinics, 9–15 August 2021:

Clinic	Clinical staff by headcount (including pharmacy)						
	9/8	10/8	11/8	12/8	13/8	14/8	15/8
Joondalup	42	41	40	31	40	47	54
Redcliffe	6	26	25	23	18	6	N/A
Claremont	57	52	51	66	57	70	91
Kwinana	20	25	24	27	23	22	26
City	N/A						

- (3) A COVID-19 vaccination blitz is underway from 16 to 29 August 2021. During this fortnight, all clinics have extended hours of operation and are open seven days a week. The community vaccination clinic approach is proving most efficient at providing vaccinations to large numbers of people. Drive-through clinics may be considered in the future. At this point in time, expediting the rollout is most effectively done through existing community clinics, and this is occurring, particularly during the current three-week vaccination blitz.