

SOUTH WEST HEALTH SERVICE, BUDGET

114. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) What were the budget allocations for the South West Health Service for the past three years?
- (2) What was the overall cost of the newly created executive management group and operational centre, compared with the cost of directors of nursing being on site at each hospital?
- (3) Given that the directors of nursing positions in the South West Health Service are to be reduced from 16 to seven, with each responsible for two or three different health services many kilometres apart, who will be responsible for the daily operational functions in each hospital?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the member for some notice of his question.

- (1) The budget allocations for the South West Health Service for the past three years are -
 - 2001-02 - \$99.362 million
 - 2002-03 - \$100.153 million
 - 2003-04 - \$108.129 million
- (2) The executive management group is made up of the five previous general managers of the south west. The operations centre is a reorganisation of senior staff from the previously based five health districts into a unit that manages day-to-day issues and out-of-hours management of direct-care services.
The overall cost of the South West Health Service executive management group and operations centre is \$1.105 million. The overall cost of directors of nursing on site at each hospital is \$1.428 million.
- (3) The community manager will be responsible for all direct-care functions on a day-to-day basis. All hospitals are staffed 24 hours a day with senior registered nurses to deal with direct-care functions. Within the structure is an executive director of nursing who oversees all direct-care functions.