

FREMANTLE HOSPITAL, STROKE PATIENTS

102. Dr J.M. WOOLLARD to the Minister for Health:

Fremantle Hospital treats approximately 250 stroke patients each year.

- (1) Is the minister aware that, in May, the Western Australian stroke strategy implementation plan recommended that hospitals that admit more than 100 patients have a dedicated stroke unit?
- (2) When will the stroke reference group begin to implement the recommendations of the Western Australian stroke strategy?
- (3) Is the minister supporting the chief executive officer of the south metropolitan health service, as part of the state health management team, in actively encouraging the development of a stroke unit at Fremantle Hospital? If so, how? If not, why not?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

- (1)-(3) Some of the issues raised by the member are internal management issues. In answer to the third part of the question, about supporting the head of the south metropolitan health service, the Government supports him in anything he wishes to do. I am not aware at this stage of the full situation of the stroke strategy, but I am more than happy to take those issues on notice if the member for Alfred Cove wishes.