

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STROKE STRATEGY, IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

256. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Health

- (1) What is the status of the Implementation Plan recommended as a result of the Western Australia Stroke Strategy released last year?
- (2) When is the Implementation Plan to be actioned by the Health Department?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

1. The Government is committed to implementing enhanced stroke services in WA in the context of action on National Health Priority Areas. The Western Australian Stroke Strategy and the Implementation Plan will inform this work. A Stroke Reference Group has been convened to provide advice on stroke care across acute care, rehabilitation and community based services.  
  
The Department of Health will be implementing the Stroke Strategy as a Statewide program and as in other National Health priority areas an integrated approach to chronic disease management may include the appointment of regional coordinators to facilitate the implementation of recommendations. Naturally the Peel Region will get due recognition in this process.
2. Action on enhancing services for stroke patients will commence during 2002-2003. The Implementation Plan is being considered by the Department of Health in the context of best practice and the continuum of care for chronic disease patients.