

HOSPITALS, EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, NUMBER TREATED

217. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Health

(1) How many people were treated in emergency departments in Western Australian public hospitals in -

- (a) 1998;
- (b) 1999;
- (c) 2000;
- (d) 2001; and
- (e) so far in 2002?

(2) How many of the people referred to in (1) were treated as a result of the use of -

- (a) illicit drugs; and
- (b) alcohol?

(3) How many of the people referred to in (1) were admitted for treatment?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

1.
  - (a) 568,987
  - (b) 600,897
  - (c) 554,738
  - (d) 537,438
  - (e) 382,872

2. Metropolitan Hospitals:

- (a) 1998 - unavailable  
1999 - 214  
2000 - 142  
2001 - 191  
so far in 2002 - 87
- (b) 1998 - unavailable  
1999 - 687  
2000 - 795  
2001 - 943  
so far in 2002 - 715

Rural Hospitals: Figures for drugs and alcohol are combined – separate figures not available

- (a)-(b) 1998 - unavailable  
1999 - 2,236  
2000 - 3,379  
2001 - 2,291  
so far in 2002 - 1,153

3.
  - (a) 1998 - 92,247
  - (b) 1999 - 95,991
  - (c) 2000 - 100,476
  - (d) 2001 - 101,197
  - (e) so far in 2002 - 71,661