

HEALTH, AGED CARE BEDS

1585. Hon. M.F. Board to the Minister for Health

- (1) Would the Minister outline the number of approved aged care beds for all of Western Australia and their various categories?
- (2) How many beds are approved but are not yet operational, as they are waiting planning or building approval?
- (3) What are the locations in the metropolitan area and regional areas of Western Australia that these beds are available?

Mr KUCERA replied:

The following information has been provided by the Commonwealth which controls the data and other details associated with these figures:

1. In Western Australia, approved beds currently number:
 - 6141 high care beds
 - 7825 low care beds
 - 2257 Community Aged Care Packages (CACP)
2. The exact number of current operational beds is not known as the Commonwealth will not release this information. However the Resident Classification Scale (RCS) National Review Statistics published in the latest edition of the Aged and Community Services WA Newsletter published 28 February 2002, would indicate that there were 5480 high care and 5560 low care operational beds.
3. Information provided by the Commonwealth shows the areas in which the approved beds are located are as follows:

Metro East

High Care - 1149

Low Care - 1399

CACPs - 396

Metro North

High Care - 1226

Low Care - 1950

CACPs - 495

Metro South East

High Care - 1503

Low Care - 1403

CACPs - 366

Metro South West

High Care - 1150

Low Care - 1543

CACPs - 397

Goldfields

High Care - 138

Low Care - 133

CACPs - 60

Great Southern

High Care - 254

Low Care - 331

CACPs - 107

Kimberley

High Care - 63

Low Care - 92
CACPs - 50

Mid-West

High Care - 117
Low Care - 170
CACPs - 81

Pilbara

High Care - 30
Low Care - 43
CACPs - 50

South-west

High Care - 384
Low Care - 565
CACPs - 184

Wheatbelt

High Care - 127
Low Care - 196
CACPs - 71

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