

BUSSELTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL

1125. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I fear that an answer may not be available but this is the last opportunity I might have to put this question on the record. If the answer is not available, perhaps the parliamentary secretary will undertake to reply in writing.

- (1) What is the total bed capacity of the Busselton District Hospital?
- (2) Are current bed numbers at that hospital being cut from 35 to 20?
- (3) If yes, when and why, given that visitor numbers to the Busselton region increase enormously over the summer?
- (4) If not, what bed numbers will be available at the hospital over the summer/holiday period?
- (5) How does the Government justify forcing an ill 82-year-old female patient with dementia out of the hospital, with the suggestion that she be transferred to a nursing home in the Bunbury area well away from her family?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I do not have an answer to that question, but I will endeavour to get one.