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Ms Libby Mettam; Ms Mia Davies

Division 22: WA Health —

[Supplementary Information No A13.]

Question: Ms L. Mettam asked for the total cost of services for the years 2021–22, 2022–23 and the forward estimates, if recurrent funding provided solely for COVID-19 was removed.

Answer: The total cost of services for the years 2021–22, 2022–23 and the forward estimates, excluding COVID-19 response expenses, is provided below:

	Units	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25
Total Cost of Services	\$M	10,367	10,155	10,425	10,843
Less: COVID-19	\$M	301	Ι	Ι	_
Total Cost of Services Adjusted for COVID-19	\$M	10,066	10,155	10,425	10,843

Note: The reduction in total budget Health expenditure from 2021–22 to 2022–23 reflects the absence of any budgeted COVID-19 expenditure in 2022–23 along with the timing impact of Commonwealth program funding and specific project funding concluding in 2021–22.

[Supplementary Information No A14.]

Question: Ms L. Mettam asked for the total number of elective surgeries that were cancelled or postponed for August in the WA Country Health Service.

Answer: The below provides a weekly summary of cancellations on the day of surgery, and up to 7 days prior, for the previous five weeks.

Summary of cancelled planned surgeries in rural areas

Week ending	Total cancellations	Cancellations related specifically to hospital demand and capacity issues
01/08/2021	63	12
08/08/2021	78	5
15/08/2021	59	13
22/08/2021	79	2
29/08/2021	74	6

[Supplementary Information No A15.]

Question: Ms L. Mettam asked for the number of patients who have gone through the medihotel at Royal Perth Hospital and whether they come from regional or metropolitan areas.

Answer: Since opening on 4 August 2020, up until 23 September 2021, a total of 286 guests have stayed at the Royal Perth Hospital Medihotel. 267 of these were from regional areas, seven from metropolitan areas and the remaining 12 with no fixed permanent address.

[Supplementary Information No A16.]

Question: Ms M.J. Davies asked how many times the Quarantine Advisory Panel had met and for the minutes or communiqués of those meetings.

Answer: The Quarantine Advisory Panel (QAP) web pages are now live at www.wa.gov.au website, https://www.wa.gov.au/government/quarantine-advisory-panel. Publicly available information will include information relating to the Panel and its members, communiques and endorsed papers.

[Supplementary Information No A17.]

Question: Ms L. Mettam asked for staff vaccination rates for each health service provider.

Answer: Please refer to the table below for COVID-19 vaccination data as at **5:30pm**, **30 September 2021**. Vaccinations administered by primary care, such as GPs, are not captured in this data.

Workplace	Total employed	Dose 1	Dose 1 %	Dose 2	Dose 2%
Child & Adolescent Health Services	6,638	5,599	84.3%	5,076	76.5%

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Department of Health	1,577	1,246	79.0%	1,125	71.3%
East Metropolitan Health Service	9,857	8,403	85.2%	7,542	76.5%
Health Support Services	3,462	2,703	78.1%	2,291	66.2%
Metro other	637	410	64.4%	349	54.8%
North Metropolitan Health Service	13,231	11,104	83.9%	9,881	74.7%
Other	15	12	80.0%	11	73.3%
PathWest	2,549	2,131	83.6%	1,898	74.5%
South Metropolitan Health Service	12,314	10,335	83.9%	9,302	75.5%
WA Country Health Service	12,529	10,189	81.3%	8,436	67.3%

Note: staff members may be included in the denominators for more than one health provider. There may be slight differences in coverage reported in this table when compared to final annual reporting, as vaccination records from other data sources, such as AIR, may be taken into consideration.

Notes:

- Reported number of doses and coverage (%) is current as at 5:30pm, 30 September 2021.
- Data source for vaccinations is VaccinateWA, so only accounts for vaccinations administered through WA Health–managed vaccination facilities.
- Reported total employees number has been calculated using payroll data provided on 13 September 2021. This data is updated on a monthly basis.
- Reported total health workers also include those who do not appear on payroll data but have self-reported as working within a health service provider on VaccinateWA.

[Supplementary Information No A18.]

Question: Ms L. Mettam asked for the outstanding number of FTEs to be recruited at Perth Children's Hospital's emergency department.

Answer: The nursing establishment for Perth Children's Hospital Emergency Department has been increased incrementally.

An increased profile of 99.84 FTE was approved in May 2021. The vacancy against this profile is 3.53 FTE (an additional 1.79 has been recruited but is yet to commence).

A new increased profile of 124.91 FTE was approved in August 2021. Recruitment to this new establishment is currently underway and shortlisting was completed on 29 September 2021.