

PEEL HEALTH CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES, SURVEY

1818. Mr Marshall to the Minister for Health

The Peel Region, with an annual increase of 8%, is recognised as the fastest growing area in Australia, yet the Peel Region has been amalgamated with metropolitans Rockingham/Kwinana area resulting in a lesser level and accountability of services to Mandurah and Peel Region residents. Will the Minister conduct a review to ensure the needs of consumers are surveyed and measured to ensure that the Health Campus and Community and Health Services are delivering a reasonable service to all the Peel population?

Mr KUCERA replied:

The incorporation of Peel Region within the South Metropolitan Health Service does not mean a lesser level and accountability for services to Mandurah and Peel Region residents. The management of the Peel Region, excluding the privately managed public facility on Peel Health Campus, has in fact been the responsibility of the General Manager, Rockingham/Kwinana Health Service for the past five years and this has not changed under the new Area structure.

The benefits of the new structure are that improved planning of services can occur under a unified system whereas previously the individual health services operated largely independently of each other. In addition, the privately operated Peel Health Campus will be involved in the planning exercises with the South Metropolitan Health Service in determining appropriate services for residents of Mandurah and Peel regions.

The South Metropolitan Health Service has been undertaking a thorough consultative process to enable proper service provisions to be implemented across its jurisdiction. This process has, as stated above, included the clinicians and management from the Peel Health Campus even though the South Metropolitan Health Services management has no control over the Peel Health Campus. A component of the planning process is determining the needs of the Mandurah and Peel Region populations and relating these to proposed service delivery plans.

There is no need for a separate review to be undertaken as the current planning process being undertaken by the South Metropolitan Health Service would appear to be sufficient to ensure the needs of the Mandurah and Peel residents are given full consideration.

It is worth noting the Department of Planning and Infrastructure has projected an average annual population growth of 4% for the Peel Region not 8%. Also, as the Australian Bureau of Statistics population figures for the year to 30 June 2000 show an annual population growth of 3%.