

MENTAL HEALTH — HOSPITAL IN THE HOME PROGRAM

884. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Mental Health:

- (1) How many mental health patients in Western Australia are currently receiving care in a Hospital in the Home program?
- (2) Where are these services currently available?
- (3) Where will these services be available in 2014–15?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Within the financial year 2012–13, North Metropolitan Health Service mental health has had 93 Hospital in the Home separations. There are four HITH beds, and currently there are four mental health patients admitted to this service.
- (2) This HITH program is run out of the department of psychiatry at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, servicing the north metropolitan area.
- (3) The proposed HITH program for 2014–15 will provide eight Graylands HITH beds, in addition to the HITH program referred to above, making a total of 12 HITH beds in the North Metropolitan Health Service. There is no HITH in any health service other than the North Metropolitan Health Service, and there are no plans for expansion known at this time. However, after the mental health service's plan is completed, expansion of the HITH service will be considered.