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GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, TEMPORARY AND CONTRACT POSITIONS

261. Hon C L Edwardes to the Minister for Health

For each Department or Agency under the Minister's control –

- (a) how many temporary and contract positions are there; and
- (b) what is the annual salaries and wages budget exclusive of Workers Compensation and Superannuation for the temporary and contract positions?

Mr KUCERA replied:

Healthway

- (a) nil
- (b) n/a

WADASO

With respect to the WA Drug Abuse Strategy Office:

- a) There is one contract position
- b) Annual salary is \$49,737

Office of Health Review

- (a) Four;
- (b) \$75,978.

Department of Health

The information provided is current as at 27 July 2001:

(a) Armadale Health Service 19

Avon Health Service 26

Bentley Health Service 0

Bunbury Health Service 13

Central Great Southern Health Service 21

Central Wheatbelt Health Service 2

Department of Health 202

East Pilbara Health Service 7

Eastern Wheatbelt Health Service 6

Fremantle Hospital and Health Service 340

Gascoyne Health Service 21

Geraldton Health Service 21

Graylands Hospital & Special Care Health Service 77

Harvey/Yarloop Health Service

Kalamunda Health Service 9

Kimberley Health Service 21

Lower Great Southern Health Service 75

Midwest Health Service 32

Murchison Health Service 3

North Metropolitan Health Service 64

Northern Goldfields Health Service 58

PathCentre 17

Peel Health Service 24

Perth Dental Hospital & Community Dental Services 17

Princess Margaret Hospital and King Edward Memorial Hospital 459

(includes Central Wait List Bureau)

Rockingham/Kwinana Health Service 34

Royal Perth Hospital 202

Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital 374

South East Coastal Health Service 6

Swan Health Service 14

Upper Great Southern Health Service 26

Vasse-Leeuwin Health Service 0

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Warren Blackwood Health Service 23
Wellington Health Service 0
West Pilbara Health Service 1
Western Australian Alcohol and Drug Strategy Office 1
Western Health Service 4
Western Australian Alcohol and Drug Authority 4
(Next Step Specialist Drug & Alcohol Services)

(b) Expenditure by the Department of Health and Health Services on temporary and contract positions varies from year to year. The need for temporary position relief depends on leave and other absences of the position's occupant; short-term work of a project nature; and management decisions related to filling vacancies. Of necessity, these factors are highly variable.

As there is no specific budget allocation for temporary and contract positions there would be a considerable administrative effort needed to fully research annual expenditure by all the agencies under the Health portfolio.

I request the Member submit a more explicit question so administrative resources can be efficiently directed.