

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, BED NUMBERS, PSYCHIATRISTS, REGISTRARS AND INTERNS

1344. Hon. M.F. Board to the Minister for Health

- (1) Will the Minister provide the following information concerning 'Open' and 'Closed' bed numbers and numbers of full-time and part-time consultant psychiatrist's, registrars and interns at the following acute psychiatric units -
  - (a) South West Mental Health Service;
  - (b) Fremantle Mental Health Service;
  - (c) Bentley Mental Health Service;
  - (d) Swan Mental Health Service; and
  - (e) Joondalup Mental Health Service?
- (2) Are the 'Closed' beds allocated for involuntary patients in the Bunbury Acute Psychiatric Unit currently in use?
- (3) If no to (2), why are involuntary patients not being admitted to the Bunbury Acute Psychiatric Unit when a commitment to do so was given at the commissioning of the unit in 1999?
- (4) When does the Minister intend to rectify this apparent inequity for country patients?
- (5) What funding allocations have been made in 2000-1 and 2001-2 for -
  - (a) full-time Consultant Psychiatrists;
  - (b) part-time Consultant Psychiatrists;
  - (c) registrars;
  - (d) interns; and
  - (e) medical officers?

Mr KUCERA replied:

1.
  - (a) South West Mental Health Service  
Open beds - 11  
Closed beds - 4  
Consultant Psychiatrists full-time - 2 FTE  
Consultant Psychiatrists part-time - 0.75 FTE  
Interns - Nil  
Registrars - Nil
  - (b) Fremantle Health Service  
Open beds - 56  
Closed beds - 10  
Consultant Psychiatrists full-time - 10 FTE  
Consultant Psychiatrists part-time - 1.3 FTE  
Interns - 5.3 FTE  
Registrars - 17.2 FTE
  - (c) Bentley Health Service  
Open beds - 81  
Closed beds - 16  
Consultant Psychiatrists full-time - 7 FTE  
Consultant Psychiatrists part-time - 4 FTE  
Interns - Nil  
Registrars - 11 FTE
  - (d) Swan Mental Health Service  
Open beds - 17  
Closed beds - 8  
Consultant Psychiatrists full-time - 1 FTE  
Consultant Psychiatrists part-time - Nil  
Interns - Nil

- Registrars - 2 FTE
- (e) Joondalup Mental Health Service
- Open beds - 20  
Closed beds - 5
- Note:
- 'Closed' beds are defined as secure beds.
  - All Consultant Psychiatrists and Registrars in the units outlined above work across both the inpatient units and in outpatient or community clinics, and cannot be allocated to the inpatient units only.
  - This figure does not include staffing profile for Joondalup as the Government purchases psychiatric and other medical services on an output basis, and not on the basis of numbers of doctors.
2. No.
3. The South West Mental Health Service management has advised that as a result of staff movement, they have insufficient psychiatrist time available for the service and cannot currently guarantee that a medical psychiatric staff member is available when needed to authorise the involuntary status of a patient as defined by the Mental Health Act 1996.
4. The South West Mental Health Service has advised that the service commenced a recruitment program last year as a matter of priority. Admissions to the unit will continue to be affected until the Health Service can guarantee psychiatric coverage in order to protect the health and well-being of patients.
5. (a) Full-time Consultant Psychiatrists
- South West Mental Health Service
- 2000/01 \$440 000  
2001/02 \$440 000
- Fremantle Mental Health Service
- 2000/01 \$1 235 498  
2001/02 \$1 324 643
- Bentley Mental Health Service
- 2000/01 \$1 040 417  
2001/02 \$1 026 956
- Swan Mental Health Service
- 2000/01 \$170 593  
2001/02 \$170 593
- (b) Part-time Consultant Psychiatrists
- South West Mental Health Service
- 2000/01 \$165 000  
2001/02 \$165 000
- Fremantle Mental Health Service
- 2000/01 \$144 369  
2001/02 \$204 356
- Bentley Mental Health Service
- 2000/01 \$332 933  
2001/02 \$333 067
- Swan Mental Health Service
- 2000/01 \$Nil  
2001/02 \$Nil
- (c) Registrars
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South West Mental Health Service

2000/01 \$20 000

2001/02 \$Nil

Fremantle Mental Health Service

2000/01 \$1 171 384

2001/02 \$1 274 258

Bentley Mental Health Service

2000/01 \$851 002

2001/02 \$764 848

Swan Mental Health Service

2000/01 \$331 075

2001/02 \$331 075

(d)

Interns

South West Mental Health Service

2000/01 \$Nil

2001/02 \$Nil

Fremantle Mental Health Service

2000/01 \$201 372

2001/02 \$200 451

Bentley Mental Health Service

2000/01 \$Nil

2001/02 \$Nil

Swan Mental Health Service

2000/01 \$Nil

2001/02 \$Nil

(e)

Medical officers

South West Mental Health Service

2000/01 \$75 544

2001/02 \$75 544

Fremantle Mental Health Service

2000/01 \$209 591

2001/02 \$187 617

Bentley Mental Health Service

2000/01 \$138 495

2001/02 \$296 775

Swan Mental Health Service

2000/01 \$Nil

2001/02 \$Nil