

HOSPICE BEDS, NUMBER AND FUNDING

466. Hon P G Pental to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many hospice beds are available in WA and by whom are they provided?
- (2) Does the State own or sponsor any such hospice beds?
- (3) Does the Commonwealth underwrite or supplement any such beds?

Mr KUCERA replied:

- (1) There are 91 beds available in dedicated hospice units in WA. They are provided by:

Cancer Foundation (Cottage Hospice)	26
Hollywood Private Hospital (Palliative Care Unit)	22
Murdoch Community Hospice	20
Peel Health Campus (Palliative Care Unit)	5
St John of God Geraldton (Palliative Care Unit)	4
St John of God Bunbury (Palliative Care Unit)	4
Avon Hospice (Co-located Unit)	4
Albany Hospice	4
Busselton Hospice (Co-located Unit)	2
- (2) In the current financial year the State has purchased from these providers admitted public patient palliative care to be provided in the equivalent of 36 beds on any one day. An additional equivalent of 26 palliative care beds was purchased for public patients from government hospitals, many of which have a single room available for palliative care patients.
- (3) The Commonwealth allocates funds for palliative care through the Australian Health Care Agreement equivalent to 18% of the current WA palliative care budget.