

HOSPITALS, MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS, WAITING TIMES

2647. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

- (1) How many mental health patients are currently awaiting a bed in the public health system?
- (2) Of these people, how many are involuntary?
- (3) What is the current average wait for -
  - (a) admission to hospital;
  - (b) treatment; and
  - (c) professional help,for patients requiring assistance due to mental health issues?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

1. As of Wednesday, 12 October 2005 at 3.30pm, 6 mental health patients were awaiting a bed in the public health system.
2. One.
3. (a)-(c) 24 hours.