

MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS, WAIT TIMES

729. 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 those people, how many are involuntary patients?
- (3) What is the current average wait for -
 - (a) admission to hospital;
 - (b) treatment; and
 - (c) professional helpfor patients requiring assistance due to mental health issues?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

I have been advised that the Department of Health requires more time to gather the necessary data to respond to this question. I therefore request that the question be placed on notice.