

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS, UNIVERSITY PLACES AND NUMBER TRAINED AND EMPLOYED

869. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many university places were available for students of clinical psychology in each of Western Australia's universities in each of the following years -
 - (a) 1999;
 - (b) 2000;
 - (c) 2001;
 - (d) 2002; and
 - (e) 2003?
- (2) How many clinical psychologists were employed in the public health sector in Western Australia in each of the following years -
 - (a) 1999;
 - (b) 2000;
 - (c) 2001;
 - (d) 2002; and
 - (e) 2003?
- (3) How many of the clinical psychologists in (2) trained in Western Australia?
- (4) How many clinical psychologists left the public health sector in each of the following years -
 - (a) 1999;
 - (b) 2000;
 - (c) 2001;
 - (d) 2002; and
 - (e) 2003?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

1. For the years 1999 - 2003 the following places were available for students of clinical psychology.

University of Western Australia:	12
Curtin University:	12
Murdoch University:	12
Edith Cowan University:	12
TOTAL place available	48 per year
2. The Review of Specialist Callings and Other Professionals completed in December 2002 lists the number of clinical psychologists currently employed as 67.2 FTE. However the current Health Department Clinical Psychology email list contains 150 clinical psychologists of which some are part time employees.
3. Records regarding how many clinical psychologists in (2) trained in Western Australia are difficult to determine however by way of coordinator reports it is clear that the majority are trained in Western Australia.
4. How many clinical psychologists left the public health sector in each of the following years -
 - (a) 1999: 0
 - (b) 2000: 3
 - (c) 2001: 2
 - (d) 2002: 2
 - (e) 2003: 0

Comprehensive records are not kept by the Department of Health to identify these accurately. The above figures have been identified from Bentley Health Service only.