

SILVER CHAIN NURSING ASSOCIATION

1059. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

Can the minister please state whether the government will increase funding to the Silver Chain Nursing Association in the Bunbury region to allow it to increase staff numbers, given that it is operating at capacity and cannot take on any more clients?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Silver Chain Nursing Association has had significant increases in funding over the past five years. Since 2001 state government funding to the Silver Chain Nursing Association has risen by \$18.9 million to \$68.7 million, an increase of 38 per cent. Funding in 2006-07 has been increased by \$3.36 million - a 5.2 per cent rise. The figures quoted below are for the entire Silver Chain Nursing Association contract, which includes the south west region. The remainder of the answer is in tabular form, and I table it and seek leave to have it incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

[See paper 2232.]

The following material was incorporated -

Year	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Funding	\$49,776,613	\$52,903,333	\$55,838,682	\$58,675,996	\$65,321,942	Indicative funding \$68,689,970
