

STATE BUDGET, HEALTH SERVICE

1618. Mr M.W. Trenorden to the Minister for Health

- (1) I refer to page 1082, Outcomes, Outputs and Performance Information, Output 1: Prevention and Promotion and given that this output focuses on the health and well-being of 'populations' rather than individuals, will the Minister advise -
- (a) if regional populations are defined as 'at risk' populations; and
 - (b) if so, will the Minister provide a breakdown of the cost of services provided within this output to regional populations for 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04?
- (2) I refer to page 1083, Outputs and Performance Information, Output 1: Prevention and Promotion, Table and specifically to the Total Cost of Output 1 and ask what portion of this cost was/is be allocated to regional WA in 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

1. (a) Regional populations include 'at risk' populations. At risk regional populations are defined to include those with a regional population health focus including environmental health, communicable disease control, health promotion, aboriginal health, child and community health, and cancer prevention and detection.
- (b) 2001-02 \$111m incorporating regional costs in the Country, South West and Metropolitan areas. This does not include statewide population health amounts, which complement the regional programs. This data has been calculated from health service and department financial statements relating to the prevention and promotion output.
- 2002-03 This data is compiled from the Annual Reports of the Department and will not be available until after the end of 2002-03.
- 2003-04 The 2003-04 budgets are yet to be finalised
2. 2001-02 47% of the total cost of this output.
- 2002-03 Unable to determine until the annual report data is finalised.
- 2003-04 Unable to determine as the 2003-04 budgets have not been finalised.