

PARKINSON'S NURSES — SOUTH WEST REGION

**759. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

- (1) How many Parkinson's specialist nurses were working in the south west region in —
  - (a) 2012–13 and
  - (b) 2013–14?
- (2) Where were these nurses based?
- (3) Which communities did they service?
- (4) How many patients in each community received these services?
- (5) Will the government continue to fund these positions; and, if so, how many Parkinson's specialist nurses will be working in the south west region in —
  - (a) 2014–15, and
  - (b) 2015–16?
- (6) Where will these positions be based?

**Hon ALYSSA HAYDEN replied:**

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

- (1)–(6) WA Health has had a contract with Parkinson's WA since 1998, and it includes funding for the provision of nurse specialist services. The contract is to deliver nursing contact to people with Parkinson's. In 2013, funding for four full-time equivalent nursing positions was provided to Parkinson's WA. Some of the services were provided to patients in the south west. WA Health does not employ the nurses directly, nor specify exact work locations. WA Health has recently entered into a new service agreement with Parkinson's WA that covers the period 2014–15 to 2018–19.