

MENTAL HEALTH — LONG-STAY ADMITTED INPATIENTS

**246. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to patients currently identified as long-stay admitted mental health inpatients.

- (1) What constitutes a long-stay admitted inpatient and how many such patients are currently in the health system?
- (2) Of the present cohort of long-stay inpatients, how many have been admitted for periods of time of —
  - (a) up to six months;
  - (b) between six and 12 months;
  - (c) between one and two years; and
  - (d) longer than two years?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Health.

I am advised that the Department of Health is not able to provide the requested information in the time required and I therefore ask the honourable member to place this question on notice.