

INTERSTATE PATIENT TRAVEL SCHEME CLAIMS — PERITONECTOMY SURGERY

1011. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) How many interstate patient travel scheme claims have been made to date to cover peritonectomy surgery in New South Wales since Western Australia stopped performing this surgery in late 2010?
- (2) What is the average cost for each IPTS claim for WA patients and their carers to travel to New South Wales for peritonectomy surgery?
- (3) What is the total amount —
 - (a) paid by the WA Department of Health to the New South Wales department of health for all peritonectomy procedures conducted in New South Wales; and
 - (b) paid in IPTS claims for patient and carer accommodation, transfers and travel?
- (4) What is the total average cost to the WA Department of Health per peritonectomy procedure, including total medical costs, staff costs and fees paid to the New South Wales department of health and IPTS claims for patient and carer accommodation, transfers and travel?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) From November 2011 to October 2012, the department supported 15 patients to go to New South Wales for peritonectomy-related care. Two patients required more than one trip. Further time would be needed to extract data prior to November 2011. There were no rejected claims.
- (2) The total amount spent on travel and accommodation for these patients was \$15 772.42. The total amount spent for the escorts to accompany these patients was \$35 218. Thus, the average per patient cost, including that of the escort accompanying them, is \$3 399.36.
- (3)
 - (a) In 2010–11, the last year that we had full data due to accounts being reconciled once a year, \$702 409 was paid to New South Wales for treatment of 11 patients. This captures two public and nine private patients.
 - (b) Refer to part (2).
- (4) The total average cost is \$66 855 per peritonectomy.