

HEALTH — WORKFORCE — RECRUITMENT

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

I refer to the minister's media statement on 14 April titled "Important staffing boost for WA hospitals".

- (1) How many of the 1 000 newly qualified nurses committed to in the release have been employed to date?
- (2) Of those, how many have been offered and accepted —
 - (a) permanent full-time contracts;
 - (b) short-term contracts?
- (3) How many reside in Western Australia?
- (4) How many have relocated from —
 - (a) interstate; or
 - (b) overseas?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) There are 949 newly qualified nurses and midwives.
- (2)
 - (a) Nil—they are still in their transition to practice program.
 - (b) There are 949. All NQNM are offered fixed-term contracts. These are usually 12 months that range from 0.6 FTE minimum to full-time while they complete their TPP.
- (3) There are 949.
- (4)
 - (a) Five midwives from Queensland and Northern Territory.
 - (b) Nil.