

MANDURAH HEALTH CAMPUS, BED OCCUPANCY

1069. Mr Bradshaw to the Minister for Health

- (1) What is the current bed occupancy of the Mandurah Health Campus?
- (2) As the number of beds in the Peel Region is 2.27 per 1000 persons and the lowest in Western Australia, will the Government upgrade or build the new hospital previously promised at Pinjarra?
- (3) How long before the public can expect to see the Pinjarra Hospital rebuilt or upgraded?

Mr KUCERA replied:

- (1) The occupancy rates for this financial year at the Mandurah Health Campus are as follows:

July 2001 = 73%

August 2001 = 79%

ie. YTD August 2001 = 76%

This rate does not include newborns or boarders, which would only have a marginal impact.

- (2)-(3) Contract documentation for the Murray District Hospital (Pinjarra) is on hold until health service planning is finalised and appropriate facility requirements are determined for this Health Service.

This will follow implementation of the Health Administrative Review Committee (HARC) recommendations.

The HARC Report (page 17) included the following recommendations for non-metropolitan (country) health services:

'7. (i) A review be carried out over a six month period to develop the optimal approach to administration and co-ordination of non-metropolitan Boards and services.

7. (ii) The needs and concerns of non-metropolitan residents, local government and other relevant parties should be sought through an extensive consultation process. This should include consideration of aligning some broad regional boundaries with those used by the Regional Development Commissions in the interests of consistency for planning and other purposes.'

The State budget recognises that a number of hospitals may have urgent construction needs. Those hospitals will have access to \$11.5 million cash-flowed this financial year from statewide allocations for Hospital Equipment and Maintenance, Infrastructure and Equipment Planning and Major Medical Equipment.