

HEALTH, PSYCHIATRISTS AND MENTAL HEALTH NURSES

350. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health
- (1) How many positions are maintained for -
- (a) psychiatrists; and
 - (b) mental health nurses,
- in each of the following Regional Health Services -
- (i) Bunbury Health Service;
 - (ii) Central Great Southern Health;
 - (iii) East Pilbara Health Service;
 - (iv) Eastern Wheatbelt Health Service;
 - (v) Gascoyne Health Service;
 - (vi) Geraldton Health Service;
 - (vii) Kimberley Health Service; and
 - (viii) Lower Great Southern Health Service?
- (2) Of the positions for psychiatrists in each of the Health Service Districts, how many are filled -
- (a) with a permanent appointment;
 - (b) with a temporary appointment; and
 - (c) unfilled?
- (3) Of the positions for mental health nurses in each of the Health Service Districts, how many are filled -
- (a) with a permanent appointment;
 - (b) with a temporary appointment; and
 - (c) unfilled?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

1. (a) (i) Bunbury Health Service: 3
(ii) Central Great Southern Health: 0
(iii) East Pilbara Health Service: 0
(iv) Eastern Wheatbelt Health Service: 1 (consultant psychiatrist)
(v) Gascoyne Health Service: 0
(vi) Geraldton Health Service: 2 (The Central West Mental Health Service provides 2 psychiatrists to service the Geraldton, Gascoyne and Murchison districts.)
(vii) Kimberley Health Service: 2 (coverage includes Pilbara region on a visiting basis)
(viii) Lower Great Southern Health Service: 1 (consultant psychiatrist)
- (b) (i) Bunbury Health Service: 27 (community and in-patient nurses)
(ii) Central Great Southern Health: 1
(iii) East Pilbara Health Service: 2
(iv) Eastern Wheatbelt Health Service: 7.5
(v) Gascoyne Health Service: 5
(vi) Geraldton Health Service: 10
(vii) Kimberley Health Service: 8
(viii) Lower Great Southern Health Service: 24 (community and in-patient nurses)
2. (a) Bunbury Health Service: 0
Central Great Southern Health: 0
East Pilbara Health Service: 0
Eastern Wheatbelt Health Service: 0
Gascoyne Health Service: 0
Geraldton Health Service: 0
Kimberley Health Service: 0
Lower Great Southern Health Service: 1
- (b) Bunbury Health Service: 2 (of which 1 FTE is comprised of 4 sessional contracts)
Central Great Southern Health: 0
East Pilbara Health Service: 0

- Eastern Wheatbelt Health Service: 0.5 (fulltime appointment anticipated to commence mid May 2003)
Gascoyne Health Service: 0
Geraldton Health Service: 1 (3 year fixed contract)
Kimberley Health Service: 2
Lower Great Southern Health Service: 0
- (c) Bunbury Health Service: 1
Central Great Southern Health: 0
East Pilbara Health Service: 0
Eastern Wheatbelt Health Service: 0
Gascoyne Health Service: 0
Geraldton Health Service: 1 (newly created position advertised January 2003)
Kimberley Health Service: 0
Lower Great Southern Health Service: 0
3. (a) Bunbury Health Service: 22
Central Great Southern Health: 1
East Pilbara Health Service: 2
Eastern Wheatbelt Health Service: 7.5
Gascoyne Health Service: 4
Geraldton Health Service: 8
Kimberley Health Service: 7
Lower Great Southern Health Service: 18
- (b) Bunbury Health Service: 5
Central Great Southern Health: 0
East Pilbara Health Service: 0
Eastern Wheatbelt Health Service: 0
Gascoyne Health Service: 0
Geraldton Health Service: 0
Kimberley Health Service: 1
Lower Great Southern Health Service: 2
- (c) Bunbury Health Service: 0
Central Great Southern Health: 0
East Pilbara Health Service: 0
Eastern Wheatbelt Health Service: 0
Gascoyne Health Service: 1
Geraldton Health Service: 2
Kimberley Health Service: 0
Lower Great Southern Health Service: 4