

WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE, HALLS CREEK — STAFFING

**505. Hon SHELLEY EATON to the minister representing the Minister for Health:**

- (1) What is the current number of full-time equivalent vacancies in the WA Country Health Service in Halls Creek, as at today's date?
- (2) In which departments do the vacancies exist?
- (3) Of those vacancies, how many have been advertised since 23 September 2008?
- (4) Where were these positions advertised?
- (5) What is the current number of staff employed by the Department of Health in the Pilbara population health unit in Halls Creek?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Minister for Health advises —

- (1) There are currently 14 vacant positions.
- (2) There are three non-clinical positions—cook, all-purpose orderly and clerical assistant—10 nursing positions and one Aboriginal health worker position.
- (3) All positions have been advertised.
- (4) The Kimberley WA Country Health Service has advertised these positions in an open-ended recruitment process on the jobs.wa.gov.au website. A new advertisement specifically for nursing vacancies in Halls Creek was placed on that website two weeks ago. Non-clinical positions are advertised with the local community Job Network. The hospital also sometimes has queries from members of the community about job vacancies, and these are also acted on.
- (5) The current number of staff employed is five.