

HEALTH — SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES — KIMBERLEY

4630. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister for Health:

I refer to sexually transmitted disease outbreaks in the Kimberley, and I ask:

- (a) how many positive cases of sexually transmitted diseases have been confirmed in the Kimberley for each year from 2008 to 2015;
- (b) how many positive cases of syphilis have been confirmed in the Kimberley for each year from 2008 to 2015; and
- (c) how many positive cases of HIV/AIDS have been confirmed in the Kimberley for each year from 2008 to 2015?

Dr K.D. Hames replied:

- (a-c) Data can be provided only for the sexually transmissible infections (STI) that are notifiable to the Department of Health by medical and nurse practitioners, and pathology laboratories. These are tabulated below, with the number of notifications each year for the period from 2008 to 15 October 2015.

STI	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015*
Chlamydia	597	569	652	632	702	666	668	513
Gonorrhoea	625	463	358	592	657	527	522	326
Infectious Syphilis	27	20	9	10	0	0	11	30
Non-infectious syphilis	45	24	11	12	6	4	2	0
HIV infection	0	0	1	1	3	2	2	2
Donovanosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chancroid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Notes:

- 1. Data are provided by the year of onset of infection (or the best estimate thereof) for all diseases, excepting non-infectious syphilis, for which data are categorised by the year in which the notification is received by the Department.
- 2. *Data for 2015 are for the period 1 January to 15 October 2015 and hence are incomplete.