

NURSES, RECRUITMENT

124. Mr BOARD to the Minister for Health:

- (1) Does the Government intend to proceed with the recruitment of 400 additional nurses?
- (2) Will the minister advise the process by which the minister will attract the nurses?
- (3) Where does the minister anticipate the nurses to come from and over what period of time will the nurses be recruited?

Mr KUCERA replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Nurses will be attracted by a recruitment campaign highlighting employment opportunities and the proposed improvements in working conditions within government hospitals and health services.
- (3) Experienced nurses who have left the nursing profession will be targeted. Young graduates will also be targeted. The Government has committed funding for 400 nursing positions to be filled progressively over the next four years as nurses are recruited.