

AMBULATORY CARE SERVICES PROGRAM

297. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the Minister for Child Protection:

In question without notice 1094 asked on 21 November 2006, the government referred to rolling out a major program of ambulatory care services.

- (1) How much funding has been committed to this program in the south west region?
- (2) When will the government expand the ambulatory care program to each of the following centres of the south west region: Busselton, Margaret River, Manjimup and Bridgetown?
- (3) When did the government formally take over responsibility for post-acute care in the south west region?
- (4) How many patients in the south west region have received hospital-in-the-home-care in this state?
- (5) According to the answer to question without notice 1059 asked on 15 November 2006, funding to the Silver Chain Nursing Association increased in 2006-07 by \$3.36 million. Will the minister -
 - (a) list the product or services that resulted in this increase in funds; and
 - (b) list the funds that were allocated to the relevant regional areas?
- (6) What is the current procedure for patients who require post-acute care in -
 - (a) Margaret River;
 - (b) Augusta;
 - (c) Busselton; and
 - (d) Dunsborough?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The answer is quite extensive and it provides dollar figures in tabular form. Therefore, I will table it and seek leave to have it incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

[See paper 2695.]

The following material was incorporated -

1. In 2006-07, the Ambulatory Care Program committed \$125,000 to the Hospital Nurse Discharge Program provided by Bunbury Hospital and \$65,000 was allocated to telephone support and coaching.
2. The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) is currently working with the Metropolitan Area Health Services to expand Ambulatory Care Initiatives in 2007/08 across the State, which will include Bunbury in the South West. It has not yet been determined whether any other towns in the South West will be included in the 2007/08 expansion.
3. WACHS - South West has always had responsibility for the post acute care of patients. The Bunbury Hospital Nurse Discharge Program commenced in October 2006.
4. Since the Bunbury Hospital Nurse Discharge Program commenced, there has been 2,496 occasions of service. The current data collection process does not allow the calculation of individual patient numbers only the occasions of service (some individual patients may have several/numerous occasions of service whereas others may only been seen once).
5. The information provided on 21 November was indicative funding for 2006-2007 only.

- a) During 2006-2007 there were no products provided, the increase in funding was for the following services:

Palliative Care	\$1,125,000
Domiciliary Oxygen	\$225,000
Continence Management and Advice	\$1,757,992
HACC Program metropolitan	\$303,319
Total	\$3,411,311

- b) Funds allocated to regional areas:

HACC Program	Great Southern	\$53,826
	South West	\$34,425
	Mid West	\$6,690
Total		\$92,941

Total additional funding provided to SCNA in 2006/2007 \$3,504,252.

- 6a) Margaret River - Post acute services are integrated into the hospital's general nursing services. Patients requiring post acute care such as dressings or other treatment return to the hospital as required.
 - b) Augusta - The hospital has an extended care nurse who provides post acute care in the home as required.
 - c) Busselton - Post acute services are integrated into the hospital's general nursing services. Patients requiring post acute care such as dressings or other treatment return to the hospital as required.
 - d) Dunsborough - Post acute services are integrated into the general nursing services provided at Busselton Hospital. Patients requiring post acute care such as dressings or other treatment return to the hospital as required.
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