

HOSPITALS, DRUG AND PROPERTY THEFT

216. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many incidents of drug theft were reported in Western Australian public hospitals in -
  - (a) 1998;
  - (b) 1999;
  - (c) 2000;
  - (d) 2001; and
  - (e) So far in 2002?
- (2) How many of the incidents of drug theft referred to in (1) occurred at -
  - (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
  - (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
  - (c) Fremantle Hospital; and
  - (d) Princess Margaret Hospital?
- (3) What was the dollar value of these drug thefts in each of the years referred to in (1) above?
- (4) How many incidents of property theft were reported in Western Australian public hospitals in -
  - (a) 1998;
  - (b) 1999;
  - (c) 2000;
  - (d) 2001; and
  - (e) So far in 2002?
- (5) How many of the incidents of property theft referred to in (4) occurred at -
  - (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
  - (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital;
  - (c) Fremantle Hospital; and
  - (d) Princess Margaret Hospital?
- (6) What was the dollar value of these thefts in each year referred to in (4) above?
- (7) How many perpetrators of the crimes referred to in (1) and (4) were prosecuted?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

NORTH METROPOLITAN HEALTH SERVICE

Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

1.
  - (a) 18
  - (b) 3
  - (c) 13
  - (d) 6
  - (e) 3
2.
  - (a) Not applicable.
  - (b) Refer to (1) above.
  - (c)-(d) Not applicable.
3.
  - (a)-(e) Unknown

Note: Alleged thefts relate to individual tablets and ampoules. No reports of theft of substantial quantities of drugs supplies.

4.
  - (a) 37
  - (b) 33
  - (c) 32
  - (d) 27
  - (e) 16

Note: Records do not differentiate between property items missing as a result of theft and property items lost and not recovered but which may still be in the Hospital.

5.
  - (a) Not applicable.

- (b) Refer to (4) above.
- (c)-(d) Not applicable.
- 6. (a) \$11 357
- (b) \$13 369
- (c) \$11 387
- (d) \$16 299
- (e) \$5 026
- 7. (a)-(e) Unknown

Note: A total of four staff whose employment was terminated on the grounds of theft have been the subject of charges being laid by police. Whether the charges were proceeded with is unknown.

Osborne Park Hospital

- 1. (a) 1
- (b) 1
- (c)-(e) 0
- 2. (a)-(d) Not applicable
- 3. (a)-(e) Unknown
- 4. (a) 10
- (b) 8
- (c) 13
- (d) 12
- (e) 7
- 5. (a)-(d) Not applicable.
- 6. (a) \$3 230
- (b) \$19 450
- (c) \$10 290
- (d) \$22 090
- (e) \$17 490
- 7. (a)-(e) Unknown

Graylands Selby-Lemnos and Special Care Health Services

- 1. (a) 2
- (b) 1
- (c) 0
- (d) 1
- (e) 0
- 2. (a)-(d) Not applicable.
- 3. (a) \$196
- (b)-(e) Unknown
- 4. (a) 14
- (b) 12
- (c) 7
- (d) 3
- (e) 5

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- 5. (a)-(d) Not applicable
- 6. (a) \$9 144
- (b) \$3 269
- (c) \$385
- (d) \$500
- (e) \$1200
- 7. (a)-(e) Unknown

**SOUTH METROPOLITAN HEALTH SERVICE**

1.     (a)     32 (incidents for Armadale Health Service (AHS) not available)  
       (b)     3 (incidents for AHS not available)  
       (c)     5  
       (d)     9  
       (e)     5
2.     (a)-(b) Not applicable.  
       (c)     19  
       (d)     Not applicable.
3.     Fremantle Hospital & Health Service (FH&HS) – Unknown (unable to place a value on drugs reported as missing).  
       Rockingham Kwinana Health Service (RKHS) - \$16  
       AHS – Unknown (unable to place a value on drugs reported as missing).
4.     (a)     17 (incidents for RKHS and AHS not available)  
       (b)     27 (incidents for AHS not available)  
       (c)     46  
       (d)     16  
       (e)     27
5.     (a)-(b) Not applicable.  
       (c)     78  
       (d)     Not applicable.
6.     (a)     \$6 600 (value for RKHS and AHS not available)  
       (b)     \$9 030 (value for RKHS and AHS not available)  
       (c)     \$3 450 (value for RKHS and AHS not available)  
       (d)     \$24 550 (value for AHS not available)  
       (e)     \$11 125
7.     All incidents reported to police. Nil prosecutions for drug thefts. One prosecution for hospital property theft.

**EAST METROPOLITAN HEALTH SERVICE**

1.     (a)     9  
       (b)     8  
       (c)     5  
       (d)     15  
       (e)     13
2.     (a)     50  
       (b)-(d) Not applicable
3.     (a)     \$8.58  
       (b)     \$5.56  
       (c)     \$6.14  
       (d)     \$61.15  
       (e)     \$34.00
4.     (a)     32  
       (b)     21  
       (c)     39  
       (d)     29  
       (e)     10
5.     (a)     128  
       (b)-(d) Not applicable.
6.     (a)     \$13 424  
       (b)     \$15 980  
       (c)     \$20 453.23  
       (d)     \$22 279  
       (e)     \$10 729
7.     5 people have been prosecuted for theft.

**WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH SERVICE**

1. (a)-(e) Nil
2. (a)-(c) Not applicable.  
(d) Nil.
3. Not applicable.
4. King Edward Memorial Hospital
  - (a) 2
  - (b) 1
  - (c) 4
  - (d) 7
  - (e) 8Princess Margaret Hospital
  - (a) 8
  - (b) 11
  - (c) 19
  - (d) 12
  - (e) 14
5. (a)-(c) Not applicable.  
(d) 64
6. King Edward Memorial Hospital
  - (a) \$5 086
  - (b) \$200
  - (c) \$1 160
  - (d) \$975
  - (e) \$3 059Princess Margaret Hospital
  - (a) \$11 334
  - (b) \$11 949
  - (c) \$5 201
  - (d) \$30 410
  - (e) \$4 920
7. There have only been two prosecutions from 1998 to date inclusive.

**COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICES:**

Kimberley Region  
Pilbara and Gascoyne Region  
Midwest and Murchison Region  
Goldfields and South West Coastal Region  
Wheatbelt Region  
Great Southern Region

1. (a) 2  
(b) 2  
(c) 1  
(d) 3  
(e) 0
2. (a)-(d) Not applicable.
3. \$781.50
4. (a) 47  
(b) 58  
(c) 75  
(d) 81  
(e) 68
5. (a)-(d) Not applicable.

6. \$17 916.20

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**SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE**

1. (a)-(c) Nil  
(d) 1. Harvey Hospital – Pethedine 5 amps 'lost' in transit between Bunbury Regional Hospital and Harvey Hospital  
(e) Nil
2. (a)-(d) Not applicable
3. (a)-(c) Not applicable.  
(d) Harvey Hospital - \$6.00  
(e) Not applicable.
4. (a) Nil  
(b) Margaret River Hospital – Hospital Flag  
Collie Hospital – Television Set  
(c) Warren District Hospital – 3 otoscopes  
Margaret River Hospital – Outdoor furniture  
Collie Hospital – 3 x Tympanic thermometers  
(d) Warren District Hospital – 1 cassette recorder  
(e) Warren District Hospital – Keys from HSM's office  
Harvey Hospital – small quantities of linen and occasional pot plants over the years in question
5. (a)-(d) Not applicable.
6. Harvey Hospital – approx \$800  
Warren District Hospital - \$3 874.65  
Margaret River Hospital - \$1 180  
Collie Hospital - \$3300
7. Harvey Hospital – Nil  
Warren District Hospital – Nil  
Margaret River Hospital – Nil  
Collie Hospital - Nil