

GERALDTON HOSPITAL — DIALYSIS SERVICES

**974. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the provision of dialysis services at Geraldton Hospital.

- (1) How many dialysis machines are provided at Geraldton Hospital?
- (2) How many dialysis patients regularly receive treatment each week at Geraldton Hospital?
- (3) What is the number of FTE nurses currently operating dialysis machines at Geraldton Hospital?
- (4) Does Geraldton Hospital have a waiting list for patients wanting to utilise the hospital's dialysis machines; and, if so, how many people are on the list and what is the current expected waiting time for those on the list?
- (5) How many Geraldton residents travel to Perth on a regular basis to access dialysis services?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Health —

- (1) Nine chair service.
- (2) Thirty patients.
- (3) There are 8.73 FTE.
- (4) There are six people on the waitlist for renal dialysis at Geraldton Hospital. These patients are continuing to be dialysed in Perth until a vacancy arises locally.
- (5) Four Geraldton residents are currently travelling to Perth for renal dialysis.