

HEALTH PLAN FOR PILBARA, IMPLEMENTATION

603. Mr L. Graham to the Minister for Health

- (1) What is the name of the current health plan for the Pilbara region?
- (2) At what stage of implementation is the current health plan?
- (3) What is the period of operation for the current health plan?
- (4) What is the cost of full implementation of the current health plan?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

1. There is no single over-arching health plan specifically treating the Pilbara Region in isolation to the rest of rural and regional Western Australia. There are several health plans covering the Pilbara region being progressively implemented by the Government and non-Government agencies. They are:
 - Pilbara Aboriginal Health Plan;
 - Norhealth 2020; and
 - Port Hedland Health Services Planning Study Report 2001.

The establishment of the WA Country Health Service and the undertaking of the Country Health Services Review will lead to a coherent health services plan for the Pilbara region. This plan will recognise existing health service plans and provide a clear way forward for health service development in the region.
2. Each of the above plans are being progressively implemented by the relevant Government and non-Government health agencies. Significant progress has been made on each plan.
3. Pilbara Aboriginal Health Plan – planning time frame to 2002.
Norhealth 2020 – planning time frame to 2020;
Port Hedland Health Services Planning Study – planning horizon to 2010;
4. As there is no over-arching single health plan specifically for the Pilbara Region, not applicable.