

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Thursday, 19 March 2015

HON SAMANTHA ROWE to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to a complaint received by a constituent in the Belmont electorate regarding the provision of Meals on Wheels services from the City of Belmont, specifically that only frozen meals are available and are delivered once per week. I ask;

1. Do all councils fund Meals on Wheels services?
2. If not, how many currently fund Meals on Wheels services?
3. Is it usual practice that the only meals available are frozen and not chilled fresh meals?
4. How many people currently access Meals on Wheels services across each of the councils?

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

(1) No.

(2) Funding is primarily provided via the HACC Program, which is administered through the WA Department of Health. Sixteen Local Governments receive funding through the HACC Program to provide Meals on Wheels services.

(3) Each Meals on Wheels provider determines whether they provide cook fresh, cook chill or frozen meals.

(4) The number of clients that each HACC funded Council provided meals at home to during the October 2014 to December 2014 quarter is as follows:

Local Government Provider	Number of Clients
Town of Bassendean	7
City of Bayswater	81



City of Belmont	29
Town of Cambridge	8
City of Canning	177
Shire of Dowerin	2
Shire of Esperance	47
City of Gosnells	56
Shire of Kalamunda	38
City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder	35
Shire of Manjimup	30
Town of Narrogin	22
City of Stirling	300
City of Subiaco	96
City of Wanneroo	46
Shire of Wagin	14
TOTAL	988