

Division 8: Health —

[Supplementary Information No A23.]

Question: Ms J.M. Freeman asked for details of positions provided under the child development state funding of \$49.7 million of the 60.6 full-time equivalent positions statewide.

Answer:

Child and Adolescent Health Service

A total of 45 FTE was allocated to the metropolitan Child Development Service (CDS) under the child development State funding of \$49.7 million.

Of the 45 additional FTE, 31 were allocated to the key clinical disciplines of occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech pathology.

The decision regarding allocation of new staff was based on addressing resource disparities across the Service in occupational therapy and physiotherapy, and demand issues for speech pathology.

The metropolitan CDS is now operated as a 'single service' and staff are allocated and reassigned in an effort to ensure consistency of waiting times across sites. Previously disparities existed because each site operated independently.

Details of the positions, including discipline, current location and numbers of staff FTE are given in Table 1.

[See page E669.]

WA Country Health Service

A total of 15.6 FTE was allocated to the WA Country Health Service under the child development State funding of \$49.7 million. The location and discipline of the employed FTE are found in Table 2.

[See page E670.]

[Supplementary Information No A24.]

Question: Ms J.M. Freeman asked for a breakdown for the child development services waiting list, detailing services required and by region.

Answer:

Child and Adolescent Health Service

As at 20 May 2011, there were a total of 4,331 clients waiting for services to commence in the metropolitan Child Development Service (CDS). Wait times measure children who have been accepted as clients of the CDS at intake and are waiting for a clinical assessment, the precursor to treatment. This is 1,953 fewer clients waiting than in May 2010 (a reduction of 31%). This is a result of the impact of additional staff recruited as part of the 2010 Budget uplift.

The Metropolitan Child Development Services wait lists are based on 'requests for services'. Most children referred to the metropolitan CDS require services from more than one discipline. Each service from a different discipline is defined as a 'request for service'. Therefore one child can have multiple 'request for services'. As at 20 May 2011, there were a total of 8,758 'requests for service' across the major disciplines. Details of the number of requests for service by discipline, site and region are provided at Table 1.

WA Country Health Service

The general practice throughout the WA Country Health Service is that all clients are assessed at the earliest possible time and prioritised accordingly. Lower prioritised clients are provided with options depending on geographical location including home programs or access to other services. Higher prioritised clients are seen at the earliest available appointment.

Clinicians reported average wait times from referral to clinical assessment for these clients is between 2-30 days in most locations.

See Table 1.

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Metro CDS		"Request for Services" by Discipline						
Region	Site	Speech Pathology	Occupational Therapy	Physiotherapy	Paediatrics	Clinical Psychology	Social Work	Total
Central	Bentley Child Development Service	400	212	82	221	84	63	1062
	West Perth / State Child Development Service	385	207	86	165	97	61	1001
Central Total		785	419	168	386	181	124	2063
North	Clarkson Child Development Service	219	82	49	123	28	30	531
	Joondalup Child Development Service	374	93	66	137	36	18	724
	Koondoola Child Development Service	374	87	60	129	47	23	720
	Lockridge Child Development Service	96	59	33	101	24	22	335
	Midland Child Development Service	269	85	43	76	27	43	543
North Total		1332	406	251	566	162	136	2853
South	Armadale Child Development Service	554	171	57	221	170	65	1238
	Fremantle Child Development Service	453	170	100	178	29	107	1037
	Peel Child Development Service	312	52	56	2	25	10	457
	Rockingham/Kwinana Child Development Service	753	100	31	98	34	94	1110
South Total		2072	493	244	499	258	276	3842
Total		4189	1318	663	1451	601	536	8758

[Supplementary Information No A25.]

Question: Mr R.H. Cook asked for information on the tracking over the four tertiary hospitals—Royal Perth Hospital, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Fremantle Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital for Children—on the percentage they achieved on a daily basis in relation to the four-hour rule.

Answer: The daily reports on the performance on the Four-Hour Rule for each of the metropolitan tertiary hospitals are detailed below:

PRESDT	EST_CC Data											
	RPH			FREMANTLE			PMH			SCGH		
	LOS<=4 TOTAL			LOS<=4 TOTAL			LOS<=4 TOTAL			LOS<=4 TOTAL		
	HOURS	ATTENDANCES	Percent	HOURS	ATTENDANCES	Percent	HOURS	ATTENDANCES	Percent	HOURS	ATTENDANCES	Percent
01-Feb-11	119	178	66.9%	98	147	66.7%	138	144	95.8%	105	174	60.3%
02-Feb-11	142	181	78.5%	84	122	68.9%	141	150	94.0%	114	174	65.5%
03-Feb-11	140	201	69.7%	109	142	76.8%	140	146	95.9%	98	157	62.4%
04-Feb-11	138	193	71.5%	90	130	69.2%	139	148	93.9%	88	164	53.7%
05-Feb-11	159	177	89.8%	108	135	80.0%	146	149	98.0%	100	156	64.1%
06-Feb-11	164	200	82.0%	139	171	81.3%	191	201	95.0%	108	164	65.9%
07-Feb-11	161	207	77.8%	120	157	76.4%	169	177	95.5%	107	175	61.1%
08-Feb-11	179	207	86.5%	101	135	74.8%	158	161	98.1%	109	173	63.0%
09-Feb-11	154	192	80.2%	116	154	75.3%	159	163	97.5%	110	166	66.3%
10-Feb-11	154	184	83.7%	103	144	71.5%	160	168	95.2%	99	166	59.6%
11-Feb-11	185	239	77.4%	102	140	72.9%	149	154	96.8%	103	180	57.2%
12-Feb-11	179	213	84.0%	121	150	80.7%	179	185	96.8%	117	164	71.3%
13-Feb-11	133	182	73.1%	136	162	84.0%	205	208	98.6%	105	143	73.4%
14-Feb-11	170	218	78.0%	101	137	73.7%	168	180	93.3%	119	175	68.0%
15-Feb-11	173	212	81.6%	121	149	81.2%	173	175	98.9%	112	177	63.3%
16-Feb-11	170	206	82.5%	106	149	71.1%	150	151	99.3%	114	169	67.5%
17-Feb-11	174	213	81.7%	88	127	69.3%	163	176	92.6%	115	177	65.0%
18-Feb-11	182	222	82.0%	134	165	81.2%	142	150	94.7%	107	173	61.8%
19-Feb-11	160	205	78.0%	134	153	87.6%	149	153	97.4%	120	163	73.6%
20-Feb-11	183	218	83.9%	147	176	83.5%	201	214	93.9%	128	194	66.0%
21-Feb-11	175	232	75.4%	131	164	79.9%	179	193	92.7%	118	185	63.8%
22-Feb-11	162	198	81.8%	130	160	81.3%	165	174	94.8%	122	161	75.8%
23-Feb-11	151	186	81.2%	108	148	73.0%	151	164	92.1%	122	155	78.7%
24-Feb-11	161	208	77.4%	110	132	83.3%	136	156	87.2%	132	172	76.7%
25-Feb-11	173	222	77.9%	131	158	82.9%	134	156	85.9%	128	180	71.1%

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26-Feb-11	200	229	87.3%	143	178	80.3%	189	207	91.3%	134	171	78.4%
27-Feb-11	181	209	86.6%	150	178	84.3%	165	178	92.7%	136	184	73.9%
28-Feb-11	177	222	79.7%	134	163	82.2%	166	189	87.8%	125	188	66.5%
01-Mar-11	174	207	84.1%	101	150	67.3%	146	158	92.4%	119	174	68.4%
02-Mar-11	139	176	79.0%	119	162	73.5%	154	160	96.3%	123	164	75.0%
03-Mar-11	161	211	76.3%	125	150	83.3%	164	171	95.9%	131	181	72.4%
04-Mar-11	166	197	84.3%	130	153	85.0%	157	162	96.9%	112	148	75.7%
05-Mar-11	188	220	85.5%	147	167	88.0%	189	193	97.9%	135	193	69.9%
06-Mar-11	190	223	85.2%	162	173	93.6%	173	182	95.1%	106	162	65.4%
07-Mar-11	172	209	82.3%	149	171	87.1%	195	201	97.0%	135	191	70.7%
08-Mar-11	183	225	81.3%	139	172	80.8%	178	186	95.7%	117	182	64.3%
09-Mar-11	154	219	70.3%	119	147	81.0%	152	163	93.3%	133	189	70.4%
10-Mar-11	163	207	78.7%	122	151	80.8%	134	144	93.1%	115	179	64.2%
11-Mar-11	157	226	69.5%	122	167	73.1%	165	174	94.8%	113	169	66.9%
12-Mar-11	158	206	76.7%	147	168	87.5%	183	192	95.3%	136	176	77.3%
13-Mar-11	154	202	76.2%	124	153	81.0%	195	200	97.5%	118	169	69.8%
14-Mar-11	165	227	72.7%	103	150	68.7%	199	209	95.2%	121	198	61.1%
15-Mar-11	148	182	81.3%	114	155	73.5%	146	156	93.6%	139	177	78.5%
16-Mar-11	153	201	76.1%	133	160	83.1%	163	170	95.9%	127	178	71.3%
17-Mar-11	150	200	75.0%	130	152	85.5%	161	173	93.1%	108	149	72.5%
18-Mar-11	166	214	77.6%	123	155	79.4%	158	173	91.3%	131	182	72.0%
19-Mar-11	179	214	83.6%	131	144	91.0%	158	172	91.9%	134	183	73.2%
20-Mar-11	171	199	85.9%	151	174	86.8%	190	199	95.5%	127	181	70.2%
21-Mar-11	152	208	73.1%	142	164	86.6%	187	197	94.9%	117	180	65.0%
22-Mar-11	146	203	71.9%	134	153	87.6%	168	177	94.9%	139	187	74.3%
23-Mar-11	126	191	66.0%	116	160	72.5%	166	172	96.5%	137	185	74.1%
24-Mar-11	177	212	83.5%	124	153	81.0%	159	172	92.4%	109	157	69.4%
25-Mar-11	162	185	87.6%	117	155	75.5%	165	181	91.2%	117	152	77.0%
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27-Mar-11	191	218	87.6%	146	176	83.0%	208	213	97.7%	152	185	82.2%
28-Mar-11	149	189	78.8%	139	170	81.8%	192	206	93.2%	124	181	68.5%
29-Mar-11	173	208	83.2%	128	151	84.8%	182	193	94.3%	120	171	70.2%
30-Mar-11	163	193	84.5%	95	153	62.1%	154	164	93.9%	103	159	64.8%
31-Mar-11	164	202	81.2%	111	132	84.1%	155	160	96.9%	105	152	69.1%
01-Apr-11	158	187	84.5%	118	160	73.8%	170	177	96.0%	118	195	60.5%
02-Apr-11	180	199	90.5%	141	168	83.9%	187	194	96.4%	111	177	62.7%
03-Apr-11	187	209	89.5%	166	184	90.2%	196	199	98.5%	109	176	61.9%
04-Apr-11	194	213	91.1%	127	160	79.4%	178	193	92.2%	120	184	65.2%
05-Apr-11	206	230	89.6%	114	156	73.1%	162	173	93.6%	112	171	65.5%
06-Apr-11	176	208	84.6%	119	162	73.5%	181	191	94.8%	123	157	78.3%
07-Apr-11	167	191	87.4%	118	140	84.3%	131	136	96.3%	118	182	64.8%
08-Apr-11	149	176	84.7%	119	133	89.5%	171	178	96.1%	115	151	76.2%
09-Apr-11	176	196	89.8%	117	140	83.6%	169	173	97.7%	119	179	66.5%

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12-Apr-11	184	190	96.8%	107	140	76.4%	174	186	93.5%	97	166	58.4%
13-Apr-11	159	169	94.1%	135	150	90.0%	161	169	95.3%	108	132	81.8%
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24-Apr-11	180	194	92.8%	139	155	89.7%	172	176	97.7%	159	184	86.4%
25-Apr-11	211	235	89.8%	166	180	92.2%	200	208	96.2%	143	186	76.9%
26-Apr-11	215	221	97.3%	172	197	87.3%	192	192	100.0%	147	183	80.3%
27-Apr-11	189	205	92.2%	131	147	89.1%	174	178	97.8%	134	165	81.2%
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30-Apr-11	167	194	86.1%	136	149	91.3%	144	145	99.3%	135	173	78.0%
01-May-11	160	179	89.4%	170	173	98.3%	159	166	95.8%	116	148	78.4%
02-May-11	163	190	85.8%	133	141	94.3%	171	176	97.2%	115	168	68.5%
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10-May-11	159	185	85.9%	125	148	84.5%	167	168	99.4%	130	178	73.0%
11-May-11	132	159	83.0%	123	136	90.4%	141	141	100.0%	113	144	78.5%
12-May-11	149	174	85.6%	93	133	69.9%	160	160	100.0%	124	161	77.0%
13-May-11	131	176	74.4%	128	171	74.9%	170	183	92.9%	137	161	85.1%
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26-May-11	149	199	74.9%	118	129	91.5%	177	182	97.3%	109	157	69.4%
27-May-11	138	186	74.2%	147	163	90.2%	179	189	94.7%	127	158	80.4%
28-May-11	164	189	86.8%	107	145	73.8%	175	193	90.7%	135	167	80.8%
29-May-11	133	169	78.7%	134	166	80.7%	201	217	92.6%	125	169	74.0%
30-May-11	179	213	84.0%	126	159	79.2%	180	198	90.9%	123	185	66.5%
31-May-11	158	200	79.0%	124	146	84.9%	177	184	96.2%	119	164	72.6%

INDICATOR DEFINITIONS

1. ED Attendances

Definition: Total number of emergency department (ED) attendances.
Guide for use: This indicator is a count of all ED attendance episodes where patients presented at the ED and were registered in any manner in one of the electronic data collection systems.
Activity inclusion: All ED attendance episodes with valid presentation date/time including dead on arrival, did not wait, inpatients attending ED, attendances referred to after hours GP, and attendances with direct admission where presentation data/time were recorded (not missing or null).
Activity exclusion: ED attendance episodes without valid presentation date/time.
Data source: Emergency Department Data Collection (EDDC).
Report prepared by: Information Development & Management Branch and Performance Reporting Branch, Performance Directorate, Performance Activity & Quality Division.

2. Percentage of Emergency Department attendances that were seen and admitted, discharged or transferred in four hours or less (length of episode ≤ 4 hours)

Definition: The proportion of ED attendances where the length of episode (LOE) in ED, i.e., time from presentation at ED to discharge from ED either for admission for inpatient care and/or treatment, transfer to another hospital or departure, was 4 hours or less.
Guide for use: This indicator measures the number of ED attendances with LOE in ED less than or equal to 4 hours relative to total ED attendances for which the LOE in ED can be calculated. This measure is calculated using the number of ED attendances with LOE in ED ≤ 4 hours (≤ 240 mins) as numerator and total number of ED attendances for which LOE in ED can be calculated as denominator, expressed as percentage.
Activity inclusion: All ED attendance episodes with valid (or values are not missing or null) presentation date/time, discharge date/time and admission date/time (for episodes admitted to ED for observation).
Activity exclusion: ED attendances with non valid (or values are missing or null) presentation date/time, discharge date/time or admission date/time (for episodes admitted to ED for observation), or dead on arrival.
Data source: Emergency Department Data Collection (EDDC).
Report prepared by: Information Development & Management Branch and Performance Reporting Branch, Performance Directorate, Performance Activity & Quality Division.

[Supplementary Information No A26.]

Question: Mr R.H. Cook asked for a breakdown of commonwealth and state funding for emergency department services in 2010–11 and 2011–12, including FTEs that were last year spread across the forward estimates.

Answer:

Funding Type	2010-11 \$000	2011-12 \$000
Commonwealth Funding	54,779	10,602
State Funding	379,928	425,101

In addition to funding included in the above table, the Commonwealth also provides general funding to the State Government for the provision of Health services, which is then provided to the Department of Health, via the Department of Treasury and Finance, as a State Government appropriation as part of the normal State Appropriation Bill.

Funding of FTE is not separately identified between State and Commonwealth funding.

[Supplementary Information No A27.]

Question: Mr R.H. Cook asked the Minister for Health for the average cost for an elective surgery procedure in each of the priority categories.

Answer: Average Cost of Cases Admitted from Elective Surgery Waiting Lists by Triage Category, 2009-10

Urgency Category	Average Cost (\$)
1	6,345
2	5,104
3	3,994

Source:

Wait List Data Collection and Hospital Morbidity Data Collection

Note:

Urgency Categories are defined as:

- Urgency category 1 admissions within 30 days desirable
- Urgency category 2 admissions within 90 days desirable.
- Urgency category 3 admissions within 365 days desirable.

Average cost includes full cost of the admitted patient episode, not just the procedure

Cost computation uses Department of Health and Ageing, Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) version 5.2 costings.

[Supplementary Information No A28.]

Question: Mr R.H. Cook asked the Minister for Health for reconciliation of the \$30.4 million under the heading of “Enhancing Health Services for the Pilbara in Partnership with Industry”.

Answer: “Enhancing Health Services for the Pilbara” is a joint initiative between the State and industry. The project was approved by Government in 2009 with a total budget of \$38.244m over the five year period from 2009/10 to 2013/14. The State is contributing \$32.964m with the balance of \$5.280m coming from industry partners.

The 2010/11 budget was presented on the basis that the \$38.244m project would be funded in part from operational funding (\$7.817m) and from Capital Works (\$30.427m). While the scope of the project remains consistent with the original approval, the funding sources have been realigned in the 2011/12 budget to better reflect the nature of the specific elements of the various initiatives, and in recognition of the associated accounting treatments required by applicable accounting standards.

Funds are being directed to 11 specific initiatives:

	Recurrent	Capital
Emergency Transport	\$7.295m	
Aboriginal Liaison Officers	\$1.933m	
ED Medical Equipment and Telehealth		\$0.565m
Emergency Management Education and Training	\$1.218m	
Medical Specialists	\$12.329m	
Nurse practitioners	\$1.744m	
Indigenous Employment and Training	\$4.567m	
Karratha Helipad	\$0.182m	\$0.650m
CT Scanner Services at Nickol Bay	\$0.698m	\$2.046m
Sexual and Family Health Workers	\$2.825m	
Small Hospital Planning and Revitalisation		\$2.190m
FUNDING STREAM TOTALS	\$32,793m	\$5,451m
PROJECT TOTAL		\$38.244m