

PATIENT ASSISTANCE TRAVEL SCHEME — MANDURAH AREA

7214. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Health

I refer to the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme (PATS) and ask:

- (a) how many residents from the 6210, 6211, 6208 and 6180 postcodes successfully accessed PATS for the years 2008–09, 2009–10 and 2010–11;
- (b) what was the total PATS expenditure paid to patients from the above postcodes for the years 2008–09, 2009–10 and 2010–11; and
- (c) how many residents from the 6210, 6211, 6208 and 6180 postcodes applied but were unsuccessful for the years 2008–09, 2009–10 and 2010–11?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

- (a) Number of trips assisted by the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme (PATS):
  - 2008–09 = 1496
  - 2009–10 = 999
  - 2010–11 = 1059
- (b) PATS expenditure 70–100km:
  - 2008–09 = \$28,384
  - 2009–10 = \$19,980
  - 2010–11 = \$21,160
- (c) Unsuccessful applicants:
  - 2008–09 = 12
  - 2009–10 = 16
  - 2010–11 = 30