

PATIENT TRANSPORT VEHICLES — MANDURAH

7213. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Minister for Health

I refer to the patient transport vehicles provided to Mandurah and Dawesville residents for trips to Perth to access specialist treatment services, and ask:

- (a) how many buses or transport vehicles operated by the Western Australian Health Department currently transport patients from Mandurah to Perth hospitals for specialist treatments;
- (b) what is the capacity of these bus and transport vehicles;
- (c) what is the frequency of these services; and
- (d) what was the total number of patients who accessed the patient transport vehicles from Mandurah to Perth hospitals in the years 2009–10 and 2010–11?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

- (a) 1 x Minibus operated by the Western Australian Department of Health (DOH).
5 x Volunteer cars — owned by volunteer drivers but scheduled by DOH.
- (b) Minibus — seating for 16 including driver.
- (c) Minibus — travels daily Monday to Friday excluding Public Holidays.
Cars — dependant on bookings.
- (d) Total Number of Occasions of use:
2009–2010 — Minibus = 2215
Cars = 72
2010–2011 — Minibus = 2094
Cars = 96

Note: Total number of occasions of use has been reported as patients access the service on multiple occasions. Records are not kept based on total number of patients. .