

ST JOHN OF GOD MIDLAND PUBLIC HOSPITAL — HYDROTHERAPY

845. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:

I refer to hydrotherapy services at St John of God Midland Public Hospital, and I ask:

- (a) In each of the following years, how many treatment sessions in the hospital's hydro therapy pool were available to public patients:
 - (i) 2020;
 - (ii) 2021;
 - (iii) 2022; and
 - (iv) To date in 2023;
- (b) In each of the following years, how many treatment sessions in the hospital's hydro therapy pool were administered to public patients:
 - (i) 2020;
 - (ii) 2021;
 - (iii) 2022; and
 - (iv) 2023 to date.; and
- (c) What is the current wait time for public patients to access hydro therapy services at St John of God Midland Public Hospital?

Ms A. Sanderson replied:

- (a) (i)–(iii) 8–10 sessions, 48–60 appointments per week
(iv) Currently offering 9 public sessions per week, 6 patients per session
- (b) Number of patients that attended hydrotherapy sessions (note this excludes patient cancellations and patients who did not attend their scheduled session)
 - (i) 2020 – 622
 - (ii) 2021 – 761
 - (iii) 2022 – 114
 - (iv) 2023 to date – 653

Also impacting numbers is that throughout 2020, 2021 and 2022, the hydrotherapy pool was closed at different times and durations as part of the Covid-19 emergency response. Essential maintenance at the commencement of 2022 also required temporary pool closure.
- (c) There is currently no waiting time to access the public hydrotherapy service at St John of God Midland Public Hospital if a patient is referred directly to the hydrotherapy service.