

MENTAL HEALTH — ADMITTED PATIENTS — STAY DURATIONS

639. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Mental Health:

- (1) I refer to all patients currently admitted in a specialised mental health ward and ask, of the present cohort, how many have been admitted for periods of time of:
 - (a) 1 to 30 days;
 - (b) 31 to 60 days;
 - (c) 61 to 90 days;
 - (d) 91 to 120 days;
 - (e) 121 to 150 days;
 - (f) 151 to 180 days;
 - (g) Between six and 12 months;
 - (h) Between one and two years; and
 - (i) Longer than two years?
- (2) Of those patients, how many are under the age of 18 years?

Ms A. Sanderson replied:

- (1) The following information is defined as all patients currently admitted in a specialised mental health ward as at 1 December 2022. This data is captured in accordance with the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's Meteor Metadata definition of specialised mental health wards, staffed by health professionals with specialist mental health qualifications or training and have as their principal function the treatment and care of patients affected by mental disorder. Some of these wards will also be authorised by the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist to treat patients on an involuntary basis.
 - (a) 509
 - (b) 75
 - (c) 32
 - (d) 22
 - (e) 11
 - (f) 9
 - (g) 25
 - (h) 20
 - (i) 48
- (2) 40