

COLLIE HOSPITAL — PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

8246. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Health

In relation to the Pathology Department at Collie District Hospital:

- (a) how many full-time equivalent (FTE) employees are based at Collie District Hospital;
- (b) on average, over a year, how many pathology home visits do employees make;
- (c) what transport is provided to enable such home visits;
- (d) if a taxi service is used, what cost per annum is incurred (including Goods and Services Tax); and
- (e) are pathology employees required to use their own (or another's own) private vehicle if a taxi service is not available?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

- (a) As at 12 June 2012 there are 5.5 FTE working at Collie PathWest Hospital Laboratory and 1 FTE working at Collie Valley Medical Collection Centre.
- (b) There are approximately 192 home specimen collection visits per year and most are within the town site of Collie. (This data is only an approximation based on the patients who require regular home specimen collections as supplied by the Managing Scientist in Charge of Collie Laboratory).
- (c) Taxis, hospital vehicles (if available) and staff cars (staff are reimbursed for the travel they undertake for work as per their Award provisions).
- (d) Over the last three years the average spent on taxi services at Collie PathWest is \$452.55/year.
- (e) Yes, they are reimbursed for the travel they undertake for work as per their Award provisions.