

ALBANY DENTAL CLINIC, BUDGET

66. Hon BOB THOMAS to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) What was the budget for the Albany Dental Clinic for -
 - (a) 1996-97;
 - (b) 1997-98;
 - (c) 1998-99;
 - (d) 1999-2000;
 - (e) 2000-01?
- (2) How many dentists were employed at the Albany Dental Clinic in each of those years?
- (3) How many dentists were available to treat patients in each of those years, and if less than the established full time equivalents at the clinic, what was the reason for the lesser number?
- (4) What is the current average waiting time for patients at the Albany Dental Clinic?
- (5) What was the average waiting time in -
 - (a) 1996-97;
 - (b) 1997-98;
 - (c) 1998-99;
 - (d) 1999-2000?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) (a)-(b) The information is currently not available. Additional time will be required to determine the budget allocations for the Albany Dental Clinic as records will need to be retrieved from archives to provide this information.
 - (c) \$304 131
 - (d)-(e) \$310 500
 - (2) (a) 2.01 FTEs;
 - (b) 2.09 FTEs;
 - (c) 2.24 FTEs;
 - (d) 2.07 FTEs;
 - (e) 1.0 FTE.
- (3) (a) 2.01 FTEs;
 - (b) 2.09 FTEs;
 - (c) 2.24 FTEs;
 - (d) 2.07 FTEs;
 - (e) 1.0 FTE; unable to recruit dentist for country location.
- (4) The current waiting time as at July 2000 is eight months.
- (5) (a) The average waiting time as at June 1997 was 16 months.
 - (b) The average waiting time as at June 1998 was two months.
 - (c) The average waiting time as at June 1999 was 2.2 months.
 - (d) The average waiting time as at June 2000 is eight months.