

MENTAL HEALTH — INPATIENT BEDS

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

I refer to non-acute public mental health inpatient beds in Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) What is the current number of available beds per 100,000 people;
- (b) What was the number of available beds per 100,000 people for each of the past five years;
- (c) What is the current number of available beds, by region;
- (d) What was the number of available beds, by region, for each of the past 5 years; and
- (e) What was the average waiting time for an available bed, by region, for each of the past five years?

Ms A. Sanderson replied:

(a) 3.2.

(b)

Day-Month-Year	Number of available beds per 100,000 people
As at 1 January 2019	2.9
As at 1 January 2020	2.8
As at 1 January 2021	2.6
As at 1 January 2022	2.9
As at 1 January 2023	3.2

(c) 89

(d)

Perth Region	
Day-Month-Year	Number of available beds per 100,000 people
As at 1 January 2019	75
As at 1 January 2020	75
As at 1 January 2021	71
As at 1 January 2022	80
As at 1 January 2023	89

(e) The Department of Health does not collect this data by region. The availability of non-acute mental health beds is dependent on a range of factors including patient acuity, staffing and system demand.