

HEALTH — SPECIALISED NURSES

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

I refer to nurse specialisation numbers in the public health system and I ask:

- (a) (a) In each year since 2015, how many Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) registered nurses have been employed in the following specialties in WA public hospitals:
- (i) Paediatric Nurse;
 - (ii) Anaesthetist Nurse;
 - (iii) Oncology Nurse;
 - (iv) Mental Health Nurse;
 - (v) Cardiac Nurse;
 - (vi) Orthopaedic Nurse;
 - (vii) Neonatal Nurse;
 - (viii) ICU Nurse;
 - (ix) Burns Nurse;
 - (x) Midwife;
 - (xi) Dialysis Nurse;
 - (xii) Operating Theatre Nurse;
 - (xiii) Recovery Nurse;
 - (xiv) Surgical Nurse;
 - (xv) Respiratory Nurse.; and
 - (xvi) Emergency Nurse?

Ms A. Sanderson replied:

The specialties identified from (a)(i)–(xvi) are not naming conventions consistent with contemporary position titles used in the public health system. Whilst nurses and midwives may choose to specialise in a clinical area of practice they are employed as an Enrolled Nurse, Registered Nurse, Nurse Practitioner or Midwife in line with the national law.