

HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUNDING, DIALYSIS CENTRE, ALBANY

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

- (1) How much funding had the Health Department allocated to the community dialysis centre based in Grey Street, West Albany, in 1998-99 and 1999-2000?
- (2) How much was spent on this service in 1998-99 and 1999-2000?
- (3) Was this money allocated directly to the Lower Great Southern Health Service or was funding responsibility retained by Royal Perth Hospital?
- (4) Why was the money not paid directly to Albany Regional Hospital?

**Hon PETER FOSS replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(2) \$6 016 was allocated and spent in 1998-99 and \$44 896.80 in 1999-2000.
- (3) All funding in 1998-99 was allocated to the Lower Great Southern Health Service for set-up of the service. In 1999-2000, \$26 836 was allocated to Royal Perth Hospital and \$18 060.80 was allocated to the Lower Great Southern Health Service.
- (4) The Albany community dialysis service is part of the home dialysis program, which is managed by Royal Perth Hospital across the State. The funding provided to Royal Perth Hospital is for equipment costs and for costs for consumables, technical and clinical support associated with the provision of the service in Albany. The funding provided to the Lower Great Southern Health Service is for the set-up of the facility, the provision of training support for patients who are dialysing at the service, and other operational costs associated with the provision of the service.