

NURSE PRACTITIONERS

**111. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the recently announced nurse practitioner and team-based care pilot.

- (1) How many nurse practitioners are currently endorsed in Western Australia?
- (2) How will eligibility for the 20 positions be determined?
- (3) How will the positions be distributed between metropolitan and regional locations?
- (4) How will the positions be distributed between autonomous practitioners and practitioners working collaboratively within the health system?
- (5) Will the state government contribute funding to expand the program beyond 20 positions?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) As at December 2022, 311 nurse practitioners were endorsed in Western Australia.
- (2) Eligibility will be determined through an expression of interest process that will be open to both primary care practices and nurse practitioners and will be coordinated by WA Primary Health Alliance in conjunction with the Department of Health.
- (3) Distribution will be dependent on the number of potential primary care practices and nurse practitioners who apply via the EOI process.
- (4) All eligible primary care practices and nurse practitioners will be encouraged to express interest to participate in the program across a variety of primary care settings in WA.
- (5) The state government is working with the WA Primary Health Alliance and the commonwealth to maximise the number of nurse practitioners who can participate in the pilot program.