

HEALTH — AGED-CARE BEDS

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

I refer to State Government funded and/or operated aged care beds and I ask:

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

Ms A. Sanderson replied:

The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) is the only provider of state government operated aged care beds in Western Australia.

- (a) 98 beds per 100,000 people.

(b)

Financial Year	Number of available beds per 100,000 people
2019–20	97
2020–21	96
2021–22	97
2022–23	98

(c)

Region	2022–23
Goldfields	12
Great Southern	85
Mid West	94
South West	72
Wheatbelt	245
Pilbara	56

(d)

Region	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
Goldfields	12	12	8	12
Great Southern	86	86	85	85
Mid West	73	73	88	94
South West	68	68	72	72
Wheatbelt	245	245	245	245
Pilbara	56	56	56	56

- (e) WACHS does not capture point in time waitlist data for individuals waiting for care across country Western Australia in WACHS facilities.
- (f) WACHS does not capture point in time waitlist data for individuals waiting for care across country Western Australia in WACHS facilities.