

NURSES - STATISTICS

2836. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many nurses (total individual headcount, discounting duplicated employment of individual nurses at different sites and excluding agency nurses, registered dental nurses and dental clinic assistants) were there in the Western Australian public health system at 30 September 2007?
- (2) How many nurses (total FTE and excluding agency nurses, registered dental nurses and dental clinic assistants) were there in the Western Australian public health system at 30 September 2007?
- (3) What number of nursing positions is required, but remains unfilled, in the Western Australian public health system at 30 September 2007?
- (4) How many nurses have resigned, retired or were terminated from the Western Australian public health system in 2007 to date?
- (5) How many nurses were recruited into the Western Australian public health system in 2007 to date, and what percentage has been filled by new graduates or overseas-trained nurses?
- (6) What is the ratio of nurses to population in Western Australian public hospitals at 30 September 2007 and how does this compare to other Australian states and territories?
- (7) How many accrued annual leave hours for nurses employed in the Western Australian public health system exist at 30 September 2007?
- (8) How many accrued long service leave hours for nurses employed in the Western Australian public health system exist at 30 September 2007?
- (9) How many accrued sick leave hours for nurses employed in the Western Australian public health system exist at 30 September 2007?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

- (1) 12,915 headcount (permanent and non-permanent) - an increase of 2,503 since September 2001.
- (2) 10,122 FTE (permanent and non-permanent) - an increase of 1,966 since September 2001.
- (3) 440 FTE.
- (4) There were 878 resignations / retirements / terminations from 1 January 2007 to date. Note: refers to permanent head count.
- (5) Over the period 1 January 2007 to date, the nursing head count has had a net increase of 675 (reflects resignations and recruitments into the nursing workforce over this period). This total includes 523 nurse graduates. The current HR system does not support the additional data requested regarding the number of overseas trained nurses recruited.
- (6) There are no nationally published benchmarks or reports in relation to nursing ratios.
- (7) 2,120,078 hours.
- (8) 2,933,843 hours.
- (9) 354,776 hours.