

PUBLIC HOSPITALS - BED NUMBERS

2164. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

With reference to Royal Perth, Sir Charles Gairdner, Fremantle, Princess Margaret and Joondalup Hospitals, I ask -

- (1) What is the current number of beds available for patients at each hospital?
- (2) How many un-staffed beds are at each hospital?
- (3) For each Wednesday in 2006 and each Wednesday so far in 2007 -
 - (a) what was the number of beds available; and
 - (b) what was the number of beds in use by patients?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

(1)

Hospital	As at date	Number of available active beds
Royal Perth (inc. Shenton Park Campus)	18/04/07	712 multiday beds + 121 sameday beds/chairs
Sir Charles Gairdner	31/03/07	502 multiday beds + 105 sameday beds/chairs
Fremantle (inc. Kaleeya)	11/04/07	428 multiday beds + 73 sameday beds/chairs
Princess Margaret	17/04/07	154 multiday beds + 25 sameday beds/chairs
Joondalup (public and private beds)	11/04/07	308 multiday beds + 40 sameday beds/chairs

Note: Available multiday active beds are overnight beds that are immediately available to be used by an admitted patient or resident if required. An available sameday bed/chair is a bed/chair that is immediately available to be used by an admitted patient if required. A bed/chair is immediately available for use if it is located in a suitable place for care with nursing and auxiliary staff available within a reasonable period.

(2)

Hospital	As at date	Number of available inactive beds
Royal Perth (inc. Shenton Park Campus)	18/04/07	20
Sir Charles Gairdner	31/03/07	Nil
Fremantle (inc. Kaleeya)	11/04/07	70 (includes a 36 bed ward under renovation)
Princess Margaret	17/04/07	18
Joondalup (public and private beds)	11/04/07	Nil

Note: 'Unstaffed' is a term no longer used to describe beds as it is misleading. A more accurate descriptor is available inactive beds. Available inactive beds are beds within ward areas into which patients cannot currently be allocated (i.e. are closed for operational management reasons, such as infection control, staffing, clinical, demand management, ward maintenance etc.)

- (3) (a)&(b) The number of available active multiday beds occupied by patients are as attached in Table 1 [See paper 2660.]