

BEVERLEY HEALTH SERVICE

**991. Hon RICK MAZZA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the Beverley Health Service, formerly Beverley Hospital.

- (1) How many beds does the Beverly Health Service have?
- (2) Of those, how many are currently open?
- (3) How many full-time equivalent medical staff are currently working at the Beverly Health Service, and in what capacity?
- (4) Is there immediate access to emergency services at the Beverley Health Service?
- (5) If yes to (4), in what form are emergency services available?
- (6) On how many occasions and in what circumstances have those who have required emergency care been airlifted to other hospitals from the Beverley Health Service?

**Hon ALYSSA HAYDEN replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) Beverley Health Service has 19 open beds, defined as beds that are currently being used or are immediately available for use. This includes eight multi-day beds and Alex Miles Frail Aged Lodge Hostel, Beverley, which has 11 residential beds.
- (3) There are three visiting medical officers and 11.19 full-time equivalent nursing staff.
- (4) Yes. Beverley Health Service has a 24/7 emergency department service.
- (5) Nursing staff triage patients on arrival and initiate assessment and treatment, including escalating care to the medical officers, emergency telehealth service, or consultation by videoconference to Northam Hospital emergency department.
- (6) For the period 1 July 2014 to 16 September 2015, there were 12 airlifted evacuations from Beverley Health Service's emergency department as patients required transfer to a metropolitan hospital.