

DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHABILITATION SERVICES

1062. Hon JOCK FERGUSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health:

- (1) What drug and alcohol rehabilitation services are on the ground in the following communities —
 - (a) Oombulgurri;
 - (b) Jigalong;
 - (c) Halls Creek;
 - (d) Noonkanbah; and
 - (e) Bow River?
- (2) If drug and alcohol services to these communities are provided by visiting services, how often do the services visit?
- (3) If there are no services either in the communities or visiting the communities, what are the nearest services to each community?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Minister for Mental Health has provided an answer in the following terms —

- (1)-(2) There are inpatient residential rehabilitation services located in Wyndham, Broome, Geraldton and Perth that community members can be referred to. There are plans for a commonwealth government-funded service for Port Hedland, which will also be available for referrals. State-funded alcohol and other drug treatment and counselling services are available on a visiting or permanent basis to each of the communities as follows —
 - (a) Oombulgurri: a visiting service from Kununurra once every six weeks and an additional visiting service from Wyndham every two weeks. This meets current demand.
 - (b) Jigalong: a visiting service from Port Hedland on a monthly basis.
 - (c) Halls Creek: a visiting service from Kununurra once every two weeks, plus a permanent presence through the Jungarni-Jutiya Alcohol Centre.
 - (d) Noonkanbah: a visiting service from Nindilingarri Cultural Health Services on an as-needs basis.
 - (e) Bow River: there is no identified demand at present, but a service can be delivered from Kununurra if required.
- (3) Not applicable.