

PUBLIC HOSPITALS - BED NUMBERS

1739. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Health

- (1) How many un-staffed beds are currently in public hospitals throughout Western Australia?
- (2) Of those beds in (1) how many are solely at -
 - (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
 - (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital; and
 - (c) Fremantle Hospital?
- (3) How many staffed beds are there in public hospitals throughout Western Australia?
- (4) Of those beds in (3), how many are solely at –
 - (a) Royal Perth Hospital;
 - (b) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital; and
 - (c) Fremantle Hospital?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

- (1) There are a total of 436 available inactive beds in public hospitals in Western Australia (includes Joondalup and Peel public facilities).

NOTE:

'Staffed' and 'unstaffed' are terms no longer used to describe beds since they are misleading. More accurate descriptors are 'available active' and 'available inactive' beds.

Available inactive beds are beds in ward areas into which patients cannot currently be allocated, i.e. are closed for any number of operational management issues such as infection control, staffing, clinical, demand management, ward maintenance etc.

- (2)
 - (a) Nil available inactive beds.
 - (b) 19 available inactive beds.
 - (c) 46 available inactive beds.
- (3) There are a total of 5,471 available active beds in public hospitals in Western Australia (includes Joondalup and Peel public facilities).

NOTE:

Available active beds are those beds that are immediately available to be used by an admitted patient or resident if required.

- (4)
 - (a) 574 available active beds.
 - (b) 626 available active beds.
 - (c) 434 available active beds.